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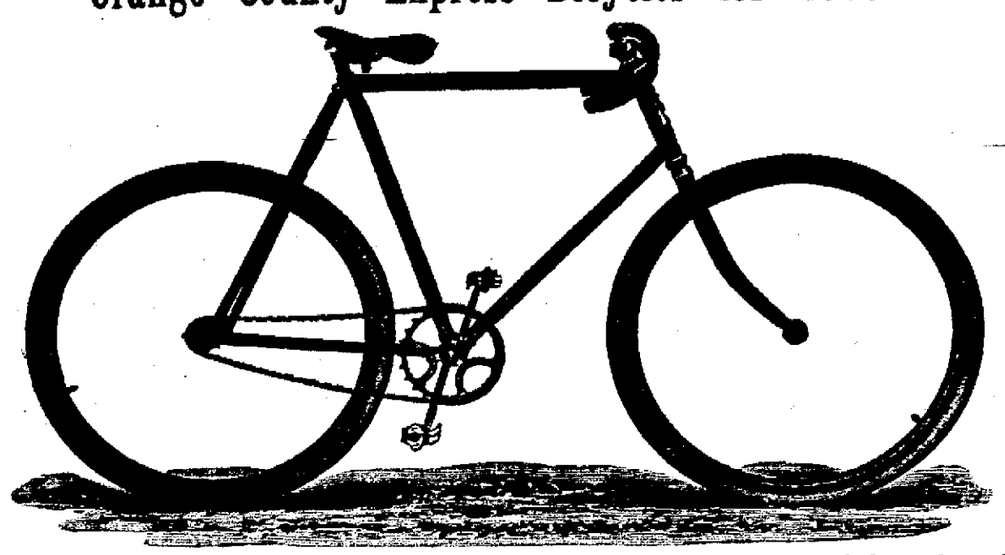

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SOUTHALL PLAYED HIGH.

Belief That He Realized $300,000, and Now His Arrest Is Ordered.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—An order for the arrest of J. H. Southall, former chief clerk in the United States engineer's office at St. Paul, has been sent by the department of justice to the United States district attorney at St. Paul. The charge against him is that he uttered false claims against the government. Attorney General Griggs says that the amount of money realized by Southall through the issuance of false time checks will reach at least $300,000.

No Hartford Banks Owners.

HARTFORD, March 24.—So far as can be learned no Hartford banks are owners of the fraudulent government warrants issued by government clerks in St. Paul employed on the Mississippi river works. Some of the banks hold notes properly indorsed, with warrants attached as collateral. There are some individual holdings of these warrants, but whether they are genuine or fraudulent will not be known until the United States government finishes its investigation.

Southall Arrested.

ST. PAUL, March 24.—Pursuant to the order from Washington, J. H. Southall has been arrested and is now in the Ramsey county jail, being unable to furnish the $25,000 bonds required for his release from custody. He will be held for the grand jury, which meets on June 28. It is thought here that his dealings in time checks amount to about $500,000.

Arrested For Pension Frauds.

PROVIDENCE, March 24.—Pension frauds, said by the investigating agent of the pension department to be the greatest ever known in the United States, have been discovered in this city. Two arrests were made Monday and 15 other warrants have been sworn out against claim agents of this city and vicinity and others charged with perjury and uttering forged checks or pension vouchers. Other cases still will be brought and the prosecution will be rigid. The amounts fraudulently secured will reach in the aggregate many thousands of dollars.

Suicide of a Clergyman.

MANSFIELD, Mass., March 24.—The dead body of Rev. Jacob Ide, pastor of the Congregational church in this place, was found in a wood lot near the Mansfield poor farm late yesterday afternoon, and in close proximity was a revolver. The clergyman had shot himself. Mr. Ide had been despondent for some time. He had been pastor of the same church for upward of 40 years and was the oldest preacher, with one exception, in Massachusetts.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Fourth class postmasters have been appointed as follows: Pennsylvania — Ashland, Calvin E. Schuler; Belfast, Elmer W. Laub; Jeffersonville, John Gorman; Long Pond, Thomas Allemose; Stormville, Allen Metzger. New Jersey—Sewall, Melvin L. Jack, Jr. New York—Breesport, John M. Van Gorden; Grafton, Chester F. Waite; Hawkinsville, Mrs. Salona Briggs; Pierrefield, L. C. Cahoon.

DEATH IN THE FLOOD

Over a Score of Men Drowned by Bridge Collapse.

STATES VISITED BY HIGH WATERS.

Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania All Suffer From the Powerful Element—Many Persons Reported Missing—Railway Traffic at a Standstill.

CINCINNATI, March 24.—A spring flood is filling the banks of the Ohio river, a peculiar feature of which is that from Wheeling to Cairo no tributary on the left bank of the river makes the slightest contribution to the great freshet. Had the inpour of waters from streams on the left bank been equal to that of those on the right the flood would have equaled that of 1884, perhaps surpassed it. The stage of water at Pittsburg is phenomenal. There has been a steady rain here since last Saturday, during which time 2.6 inches of water have fallen, of which four-fifths of an inch has fallen in the last 24 hours.

A special from Columbus, Ind., says a wrecking train on the Pennsylvania railroad near there went through a bridge last night with 30 men aboard. About half a dozen were rescued. The rest were drowned. The place where the train went down is entirely surrounded by water, and rescue was only by means of skiffs. The fireman on the train is in a tree surrounded by water and freezing to death. One man was drowned trying to reach the train in a skiff.

Reports from Delaware, O., say that torrents of water are pouring through the business streets. Four squares of business houses are under water, and stock is either damaged or completely ruined. The rushing waters removed buildings from their foundations, while scores of wagon and foot bridges have been carried away. It is stated that the village of Waldo, north of there, has been washed out of existence, but the report cannot be confirmed, as all communication with Waldo is cut off. The loss in this place will exceed $50,000.

A special from Greensburg, Ind., estimates the damage in that locality at least $100,000. Nearly 1,000 people are unwilling guests in that city, there having been no trains departing from 8 o'clock Tuesday night till noon yesterday. Eight heavily loaded passenger trains were lying there at one time. At St. Paul the Bickhart flour mills were washed out and totally destroyed. Other losses at that point will bring the total up to $50,000.

From Columbus comes the news that the Cleveland division of the Big Four railway and the south line of the Columbus, Sandusky and Hocking were the only two of 15 roads there that could move trains out of that city yesterday.

The system of levees which protected the west side of that city are submerged and are known to be badly broken in many places. These breaks permitted water to flow where it had not gone perhaps in 20 years. People in these parts were slow in moving out or up stairs. There are 1,500 or 2,000 of them on upper floors of dwellings situated in an artificial lake.

Four thousand persons have been driven from their homes in Zanesville, and very few of them have saved any of their household effects. There have been a score of narrow escapes, and more than 50 persons are reported missing.

The Flood In Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURG, March 24.—Three great rivers, the Monongahela, Alleghany and Ohio, are now in a flooded condition, and there is every indication that the loss to coal operators, manufacturers and property holders in general will eclipse that of the freshet of 1894. Already river coal interests have suffered losses aggregating $75,000, while manufacturing interests are so severely crippled that great loss and inconvenience must necessarily follow. Reports received from towns on each side of the three great valleys show great damage to property on the lowlands, and, with the water still rising, grave fears are entertained of even heavier losses.

At Newcastle the streets were turned into rivers; at Rochester the Rochester and Keystone Tumbler company suffered heavy damage; at several places on the Allegheny Valley railroad landslides covered the tracks. Rafts of lumber were carried out of the upper tributaries. It is estimated that the damage to mill machinery, coal property and merchandise and buildings in this neighborhood will aggregate $300,000, besides the loss in wages caused by the cessation of work at the mills. If the water goes much higher, it will shut down the Wheeler-Sterling projectile works at Demmler, where projectiles for the navy and army are being made day and night.

Loss May Be a Million Dollars.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 24.—The reports coming in from all over the state concerning the damage done by the floods will send the aggregate loss up into the hundreds of thousands. Perhaps the figures may reach $1,000,000.

Wants Indemnity For Lattimer Victims.

VIENNA, March 24.—In the lower house of the diet Dr. Mayreder addressed an interpellation to Count von Thun-Hohenstein, the president of the council of ministers, asking what steps he proposed to take for the purpose of getting the Austro-Hungarian government to adopt a vigorous attitude respecting the acquittal of Sheriff Martin and the deputy sheriffs of Wilkesbarre, Pa., who were charged with shooting a number of striking miners, including Austro-Hungarian subjects, at Lattimer, Pa., on Sept. 10 last.

Lunatic Kills a Policeman.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—Police Lieutenant W. F. Burke was shot and killed by Park Haynes, alias "The Irish Tinker," a maniac. The tragedy took place while Lieutenant Burke was trying to arrest the crazy man. Haynes was arrested.

The Plague Reaches Arabia.

JIDDAH, Arabia, March 24.—It is officially announced that a suspicious case, believed to be sickness caused by the plague, has been discovered here. The pilgrimage to Mecca has just commenced.

CRISIS AT HAND.

Feeling That Such Is the Case Universal In Official Circles.

EAGER FOR THE REPORT

Probable That It Will Reach Washington Some Time Tonight.

ORIGINAL PROGRAMME TO HOLD.

Puritan and Terror Ordered to Key West. Revenue Cutters to Be Utilized—Belief That Sicard's Retirement Is Recommended.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The feeling was universal throughout official circles yesterday that the culmination of the Spanish crisis was near at hand. With the report of the Maine court of inquiry only a little while off, with the White House the center of long and earnest conferences between the president and the party leaders in congress and with exceptional activity toward emergency preparations in the war and navy departments, there was abundance of evidence that definite results regarding the Maine disaster and the Cuban question in general were about to be reached.

Among the president's callers were Senators Cockrell, Turpie and Foraker, General Daniel Sickles, former United States minister to Madrid, and Representative William Allen Smith of Michigan, who has recently returned from a trip to Cuba. The call of Messrs. Cockrell and Turpie was regarded as particularly significant, as they are representative Democrats in the senate and their visit followed that of Senator Gorman. It was generally understood that in the present emergency the president desires patriotic unity without reference to party. Secretaries Long and Alger also conferred with the president during the day.

Secretary Long said later that the Maine report probably would reach Washington tonight. If, however, it did not come before 8 o'clock tomorrow evening, Mr. Long said, he probably would not receive it until Friday morning, when it would be laid before the president immediately. The secretary did not think the president would give the document any consideration at a late hour. It was more probable, he thought, if Lieutenant Marix arrived at a late hour that he would take the report to a hotel for the night.

There has been no change in the plan of sending the report to congress early next week, probably Monday, accompanied by a message from the president. It is definitely settled, however, that the message and the papers accompanying it will relate exclusively to the Maine disaster. It will not take up the fearful condition of affairs in Cuba as shown by the reports of United States consuls, these being reserved for subsequent action and a later message to congress.

Secretary Long has determined to order the double turreted monitors Puritan and Terror to Key West, where they will re-enforce the squadron in those waters. He has also determined to bring into service the eight single turreted monitors at League Island navy yard, Philadelphia, two of which will be sent to Boston, two to New York and four held in reserve at Philadelphia. The Puritan and the Terror take the places of the battleships Massachusetts and Texas, recently withdrawn from the squadron at Key West. It was stated at the navy department that this move was in accordance with a programme previously agreed upon, although this programme has not been announced heretofore. The Puritan by many experts is regarded as the most formidable fighting machine in the navy.

In addition to its other preparations for possible trouble the navy department took steps toward utilizing ten of the seagoing revenue cutters for use along the Atlantic coast. Captain Shoemaker, chief of the revenue cutter service, conferred with Assistant Secretary Roosevelt during the day on the plans for turning over these cutters to the navy. They will be first sent to Norfolk, where additional guns will be mounted, and will then proceed to Key West and become a part of the squadron. Their main service, however, will be as naval pickets, a chain of these fleet cutters being maintained outside of the cruisers and battleships.

The navy department has opened bids for extensive improvements at Dry Tortugas and Key West, a formal transfer having been effected as regards Tortugas, which passes from the treasury to the war department. These consist of two solid steel piers to be constructed at Dry Tortugas, with two extensive coaling docks and an elaborate mechanical equipment for handling naval vessels with coal. At Key West the improvements consist of a steel pier and two coaling docks, with similar facilities for coaling warships with coal. The bids ranged from $1,810,000 for the entire work down to about $800,000.

TO BUY FOOD FOR CUBANS.

Congress Will Be Asked to Appropriate $500,000 For This Purpose.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—President McKinley will be reluctant to resort to forcible intervention to stop the war in Cuba at this time unless congress takes the initiative. His present plans do not contemplate going any further in that direction than sending governmental relief to the starving Cubans.

That congress will support him in this step is indicated by the promptness with which the senate committee on appropriations has responded to the president's suggestion to Senators Allison and Gorman, the Republican and Democratic leaders on that committee, that an appropriation of $500,000 should be made to send food and medicines to Cuba. The subcommittee of the appropriations committee, in charge of the sundry civil appropriation bill, yesterday inserted an amendment in that measure making this appropriation.

Conferences with other members of the committee and with the leaders of the appropriations committee of the house leave little doubt that the amendment will be agreed to both by the senate and the house, and the money will be placed at the disposal of the president.

Whether this action will be taken before the president sends in his message to congress transmitting the Cuban correspondence will depend upon the rapidity with which the appropriations committee compromises with the sundry civil bill. It is the intention of the committee to report the bill to the senate as soon as it is ready, and it will probably be considered without delay.

GREELY WANTS BALLOONS.

His Request About Wires For Forts Being Granted, He Has a New One.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Secretary Alger had with him in conference for some time yesterday General A. W. Greely, chief signal officer of the army. General Greely has urged upon the secretary the importance of an allotment of money for the purpose of connecting the various parts of the fortifications at seaport cities by means of electrical communications, and in response to his representations on this subject work in that direction is about to begin in New York harbor.

Another matter which General Greely thinks of great importance to the army in case of hostilities is, the employment of balloons for observation purposes. He has asked repeatedly for an appropriation from congress for experiments in this line, but thus far his efforts to obtain money have been unsuccessful.

Balloons, moreover, he thinks, would be of great value to the military branch of the service. Should an army of occupation be sent to Cuba the balloons would be of use, it is thought, in the observations of the operations of the enemy's army, the country being quite heavily wooded, so that it would be impossible to ascertain the movement of opposing troops on the ground.

General Greely does not believe there is much danger to be feared from the fire of the enemy, as experience has shown it to be a very difficult matter to gauge properly the height to which the aeronaut has ascended.

MISS BARTON LEAVES.

Sails For New York From Havana—Another Body Found In the Wreck.

HAVANA, March 24.—Miss Clara Barton, president of the American branch of the Red Cross society, left for New York yesterday on the Key West mail steamer. It was not known until in the morning that she intended to do so. Miss Barton says the cause of her departure is purely personal and has to do with private financial matters. Miss Barton expects to go to Washington and may return to Cuba.

La Lucha, in an editorial under the caption of "Expectation In the World," maintains that the American court of inquiry, owing to the short time it was here, could not give a scientific report on the Maine disaster.

La Lucha publishes also an interview with Consul General Lee, which quotes him as saying that he knows nothing of the nature of the report, but is satisfied that General Blanco never conceived the disaster until he heard the shock in the harbor.

Gunner Morgan left for the fleet at Key West. With him went the naval divers Fishers, Rundquest and Schluter, with Hanz, the helper. Hanz belongs to the Fern and has been ill. This leaves two navy divers and five civilians on the contract work.

The body of a white man has been found in the forward part of the wreck. It will probably be identified by marks on the clothing when the latter has been disinfected. The body was sent to Key West on the Olivette.

FOR SICARD'S RETIREMENT.

Belief That Board of Survey Will So Recommend—Heroism of an Ensign.

KEY WEST, March 24.—The board of survey which sat on the flagship New York to consider the retirement of Rear Admiral Sicard for physical disability has completed its work. Its recommendations will be forwarded to the navy department, where action will be taken. It is impossible to learn the decision at which the board has arrived, but it is believed that it recommends the retirement.

The Mallory liner Leona, from New York, was due yesterday with three months' provisions for 1,000 men. Up to the time of going to press she had not arrived. These provisions will be stored here and will consistently strengthen Key West as a naval reserve in case of war. This action is in line with the activity recently exhibited to keep beyond the fortifications and below the bar and otherwise put the island in a condition to withstand a possible attack and to make it a suitable base of supplies.

An act of heroism on the part of a young naval officer has just become generally known. Ensign Powers Spear of the Montgomery now lying in the harbor, jumped overboard late the other night in response to the cry, "Man overboard!" He was in full uniform. After a few minutes he found the helpless sailor, who was unable to swim and was being rapidly borne away from the ship.

After a hard struggle young Spear brought the almost lifeless man back to the Montgomery, and both were hauled in more dead than alive. It took several hours to revive the plucky officer, but the incident goes to show the kind of stuff the American navy is made of. Ensign Spear comes from Norristown, Pa.

GIVE M'KINLEY TIME.

Senator Elkins Striving to Prevent Interference In President's Policy.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—"The independence of Cuba can be obtained without war if President McKinley is left alone and is not forced by the extreme Cuban sympathizers," said Senator Elkins yesterday. At the same time he announced that he was doing what he could to prevent hasty action in the senate and urging senators to give the president time to carry out his own policy.

Mr. Elkins said that in his opinion the destitute should be cared for and that peaceful means would bring about the freedom of Cuba. It is known that a great deal of work has been done about the senate today by senators who are known as conservatives. Requests have been made that the senate await the action of the president and that no further attempts be made to intensify the strained situation.

It was asserted by Senator Elkins that a great deal of progress had been made and that on both sides of the chamber a great deal more conservatism had been found than was supposed to have existed.

Very Active at Charlestown.

BOSTON, March 24.—The activity at the Charlestown navy yard continues, orders having been issued for the employment of 47 men in the engineering department, including machinists, boilermakers, etc., who will be employed on the United States gunboat Machias in making necessary repairs. Orders have also been received at this station from the navy department calling for the construction of 24 small boats. This is the largest order received for boats at the navy yard since the late war. The orders call for immediate work upon them and will necessitate the employment of a large force of boatbuilders and joiners and the expenditure of at least $15,000.

At the Watervliet Arsenal.

ALBANY, March 24.—The Watervliet arsenal, near here, owned by the United States government, has just received an order for 240 armament chests for use in keeping the tools that are necessary to work the 12-inch rifles on shipboard and in coast defenses.

With the order there came a second order demanding that the 240 chests be completed and delivered in 90 days. The plant is now being run at its utmost capacity in order to finish the large number of coast defense guns ordered, and in order to fulfill this last contract the arsenal commandant has called upon the J. M. Jones Car company to make 150 of the chests, and they have begun work.

Concerning Warships' Names.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Senator Allen has given notice of an amendment he will offer to the naval appropriation bill providing that hereafter all first class United States battleships, cruisers and monitors shall be named for the states, territories and districts of the United States and shall not be named for any city, place or person until the names of the states shall be exhausted.

Spain Seeks France's Aid.

LONDON, March 24.—The Vienna correspondent of The Standard says: "I am credibly informed that Spain has informally inquired at Paris whether France, as her largest creditor and traditional friend, would, either alone or in conjunction with other powers, mediate at Washington, and also whether it is possible to place a Spanish loan in France."

Movements of Warships.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, via Bermuda, March 24.—The Cincinnati, the Wilmington and the Castine sailed from Port Antonio, on the north coast of the island, yesterday. It is thought they are merely going on a short cruise and will return, as no definite sailing orders had been received.

Artillery Company Militant.

MILFORD, N. H., March 24.—The Lafayette Artillery company of South Lyndsboro, N. H., Sewell M. Buck commander, has offered its services to Governor Ramsdell in the event of war with Spain. This is an independent company and the oldest militia organization in New Hampshire.

Thinks the Maine Can Be Raised.

BOSTON, March 24.—Captain W. F. Humphrey of the Boston Towboat company states that, in his opinion, it is probable that the battleship Maine can be raised, the only question being whether the proper apparatus can be towed into Havana harbor.

A Big Order For Ammunition.

DERBY, Conn., March 24.—L. L. Tolers of the Derby Silver Gun and Ammunition company said yesterday that his company had received a $2,000,000 order from the government and that the order was for ammunition.

Projectiles Shipped to Washington.

BRADDOCK, Pa., March 24.—The Carnegie Steel works has shipped 200 projectiles and 200 bomb projectiles to Washington, D. C., in accordance with directions that each shell weigh 1,000 pounds. Every bomb is filled with powder.

Won't Entertain Proposals.

LONDON, March 24.—"Unless apology is out of the question," the Madrid correspondent of The Standard says, "Spain will positively refuse to entertain the question of the sale of any war vessels to other Spain or the United States."

Requiem Mass For the Dead.

HAVERHILL, Mass., March 24.—A solemn requiem high mass was celebrated at St. James' church for the deceased members of the crew of the United States battleship Maine.

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The methods of that day and the methods of modern warfare—the difference is in degree, not in kind. They fought with steam vessels, with ironclads, with torpedoes. The war engines

COMMODORE F. V. M'NAIR.
(He Will Probably Be Made a Rear Admiral in July.)

of to-day are simply a development of the principle.

Commodore McNair was born in Pennsylvania. He entered the naval academy at Annapolis in 1853, and was made a midshipman in 1860. He served in the China squadron and was ordered home when the war broke out.

His first lesson in war was gained under one of the greatest naval leaders the world has known. Commodore McNair was with Farragut at New Orleans. He was made a lieutenant for bravery in 1861. He ran the gauntlet at Vicksburg and was made a lieutenant commander for meritorious services. His activity, his courage, his resources, distinguished him in that dangerous Mississippi work. He took part in the assault on Fort Fisher, and again won fresh honors. He had four years of constant fighting. He studied the art of war amid flying shells and solid shot. When the war closed Lieutenant Commander McNair was sent to Brazil as the executive officer of the flagship. In 1868 he went to Europe as the executive officer of the Franklin, sent thither to accentuate the good impression made by Farragut.

The young officer proved himself as able in diplomacy as in fighting. Upon his return he was detailed to the Philadelphia navy yard, and afterward was placed in charge of the department of seamanship at Annapolis. In 1872 he was made commander and was sent to the Asiatic squadron on the Yantic. Afterward he commanded the Kearsarge. He was commandant of cadets at Annapolis from 1878 to 1882, when he went to Mare island. The following year he was made captain and took command of the Omaha. From 1890 until 1896 he was in charge of the Naval observatory in Washington. Then he was sent to the Asiatic squadron.

Commodore McNair is 60 years old. He has, therefore, two years to serve before he is retired.

WAS A GREAT LEADER.

Gen. Rosecrans, One of the Heroes of the Civil War.

Gen. William Stark Rosecrans, who died recently at his home, near Los Angeles, Cal., was one of the most picturesque soldiers ever produced by the United States.

He will be known in history as a soldier only, although as a citizen he has

GEN. ROSECRANS.
(One of the Most Picturesque Soldiers Ever Produced by America.)

deserved highly of his countrymen. As a man and a citizen it may be said that few Americans have lived a more useful life or have been less selfish in taking their part of the public burden.

Born and reared in the east, the general became fascinated with the glorious climate of California and decided that he would spend the last years of his life in the golden state. Since he has lived there its people, recognizing his former services and his present capacities, have often besought him to help them administer their affairs. But he always declined these honors, which he regarded as the rewards of past services. He might have been governor of the state and have occupied other lofty offices that were freely offered him. No American in California had more honors than "old Rosy" in his last days.

Beaver's Last Retreat.

The last safe retreat of the beaver in the United Sates is the canyon of the Rio Grande, between Eagle Pass and El Paso, a distance of about 300 miles.

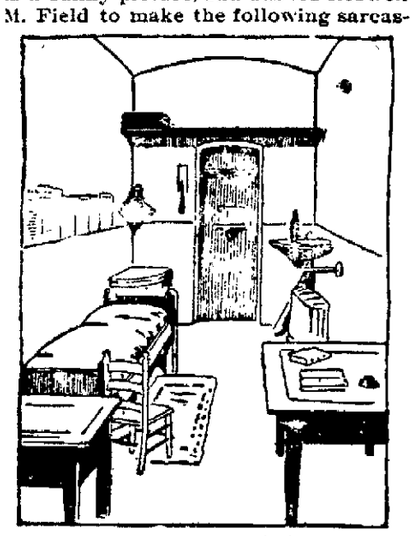
Low Cost of Living.

Experiments at the Missouri state university show that in the matter of diet a man can live at an expense of 18½ cents a day.

EMILE ZOLA'S CELL.

It Certainly Does Not Look Like the Proverbial Dungeon.

Emile Zola, the great French novelist whose defense of Capt. Dreyfus has ended in a penal sentence, is much admired by Americans. His remarkable pluck, in the face of vile opposition from the French government and army, has earned for him the gratitude of liberty-loving people everywhere. A picture of the prison cell, in which the author will spend the next 12 months, has recently appeared in the newspapers. It is a funny picture, and has led Roswell M. Field to make the following sarcas-



EMILE ZOLA'S CELL.
(Where the Great French Author Will Spend the Next Year.)

tic remarks in the Chicago Evening Post:

Our attention has been called to a picture of the cell in which M. Zola will serve his sentence. It looks like a comfortable, cheery place. The bed is rather small and the chair is hardly of the imperial style of Louis Quatorze, but there is a nice Turkish rug on the floor and a general air of modest luxury pervades the apartment. The room seems to be plentifully supplied with tables for all purposes, and there are shelves for books and necessaries of the cuisine. On one of the tables we are somewhat disturbed to note a bottle and a glass. Of course we have no means of determining the nature of the bottle or its contents; it may be for condensed milk or it may contain catsup or a sauce of stimulating yet harmless quality. But we fear it has a more pernicious intent, and our thoughts instinctively turn to absinthe, brandy and other ardent promters of the Gallic literary quality. We wish that the photographer had removed the bottle, for we prefer to think of Zola in his cell devoting his energies to the higher life, unconscious of the absinthe hour. And we are the more distressed since it is at once apparent that if Zola drinks at all he must drink alone, and who is blind to the awful fate that awaits the silent drinker? We hope that M. Zola will take up the cry of his persecutors, "conspuez" or "a bas" the bottle, we are not particular which.

PRINCESS STEPHANIE.

Her Illness Recalls One of the Century's Great Tragedies.

Princess Stephanie, who now is critically ill, is widow of the late crown prince of Austria and daughter of the house of Hapsburg. She was married to the late prince in 1880. From the first the marriage was unfortunate. Immediately after the wedding gossip set itself busy saying that the union was for reasons of state and not for love. This, however, was not remarkable in a royal marriage. Rudolph, husband of the princess, committed suicide under the most remarkable conditions in 1889. Great efforts were made to convince the public that the prince

PRINCESS STEPHANIE.
(Widow of the Late Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria.)

was killed by other agency than his own, but the proofs of suicide were so strong that the attempt was abandoned. The princess, who, it is said, was subjected to the most violent abuse from her royal husband during his life, has lived quietly and happily alone since his death. Her illness concerns every royal family in Europe, and all royalists express sincere regret that so noble a consort of so unworthy a prince should not survive her spouse longer than the princess seems likely to do. Her illness recalls one of the most unfortunate affairs of the most unfortunate house of Hapsburg.

Fish That Wear Clothes.

The ocean contains several fish which clothe and adorn themselves. The most conspicuous of them is the antennarius, a small fish frequenting the Saragossa sea, which literally clothes itself with seaweed, fastening the pieces together with sticky, gelatinous strings, and then, as it were, holding the garment on with its fore fins.

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OBITUARY.

William M. Mack.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

William M. Mack, son of William A. and Emeline Mack, died at his home near Dwaarkill, at 1:30 a. m. Monday, March 14th, after an illness of only nine days. He had been a patient sufferer for some time with a severe cold, which eventually developed in pleurisy and endocarditis, and terminated in his death. He was the only son and the light and life of the home.

For ten years he had carried on the meat business with his father. The past year he had assumed the entire responsibility of the business and made it a success.

He was of a cheerful disposition and had a smile for everyone. He had a tender heart and a sympathetic spirit. He was esteemed and loved by many. He had not an enemy. He will be missed and mourned by a large circle of friends and young associates. He loved dearly the father, mother and sister, who survive him. No sacrifice seemed too hard for him to make for their comfort and happiness. He would not leave home because his father was getting old. Therefore he willingly assumed the entire responsibility of the business and home. Now that the relentless messenger, Death, has deprived the home of the only boy, it seems as if the light of the home was taken away. Four years prior to his death he professed his faith in Jesus Christ as his Saviour, and was received into the little Methodist church on the mountain side.

Through the nine days of illness he did not murmur. He did not fear death. He was conscious until the end and recognized the relatives and friends who stood beside his dying bed.

The funeral services were held in the Reformed Church of New Prospect, at 12 o'clock Wednesday, March 16th. The funeral was very largely attended, and there were few dry eyes at that solemn service. Rev. W. R. Currie and Rev. E. O. Moffet officiated.

Interment was in the family plot in New Prospect Cemetery.

CARD TO THE PUBLIC.

A Season of High Class Comic Opera at Popular Prices.

This city has lately been enjoying a season of English opera. From the hearty support given I am led to believe that a season of comic opera would be much more successful. I believe people like to laugh and that comic opera suits them better than classical music. I also believe in popular prices. I therefore call attention to the announcement in another column, showing I have engaged the Gonzalez Comic Opera Company for three nights and a matinee and propose to demonstrate that a season of high class comic opera can be produced at a price within the reach of all, and gallery only 25 cents.

The company will be composed of twenty-five musical artists. Ten pretty girls and elegant costumes. If Middletown is ready to support musical attractions at fair prices, this is their opportunity. I shall ask no books or pledges in advance.

I have seen the company in one of their productions and give my personal guarantee they can sing as well as the Andrews Company.

GEORGE LEA.

ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE.

The Grand American Handicap pigeon shooting tournament is being held at Elkwood, N. J. Out of more than 200 entries there is only one from Orange county, that of E. K. Dickson, of Newburgh.

One thousand aces were melded in a four-handed pinochle game at Louis V. Bauer's Phillipsburgh hotel, Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Bauer held the hand, and at the end of the four-deal game had 1,523 points to his opponents' 536, 369 and 442. This meld is so rare that it is worth mention. Pinochle players will appreciate Mr. Bauer's luck.

Wednesday afternoon saw at least twenty flat net fishermen along the Wallkill River and Wednesday night saw twenty disgusted men with empty bags. The Wallkill began to rise, Tuesday night, and was up three feet Wednesday and running a current which kept the nets floating away.

The fish evidently felt the cold and were lying still in the mud, for not a dozen fish were taken by the whole lot. Rod and line men found the air cold and raw, and their worm bait stiffened.

Ed. Gould, trolley conductor, fished with a line at the outlet of the Mechanictown brook and caught a half dozen suckers.

Two fishermen who drove down to Harlow's brook found the water eight feet deep at the mouth of the brook and they were unable to handle their nets.

On cloudy nights, the flashes from the search lights on the Hudson River night boats, attract the attention of many in this city. The rays of light flash far up toward the zenith and their movements produce a wierd and fantastic effect.

Here's one from *Puck* that isn't half bad:

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Minisink Valley Historical Society Receives a Copy of the Goshen Repository.

The Minisink Valley Historical Society has been presented by R. E. Foster, of Newton, with a copy of the Goshen *Repository*, of May 18, 1789.

The *Repository* was the first paper published in Orange county. It was established by David Manderville and David M. Westcott in 1788. In 1800 it it was sold to John G. and William Heurtin, who changed its name to the *Orange County Patriot*, which in turn was merged into *The Friend of Truth*. In 1805 Ward M. Gazley became the proprietor of the paper and changed its name to the *Orange Eagle*.

The office was destroyed by fire in 1805 and Mr. Gazley removed to Newburgh.

Newton's New Lodge, K. of P.

Ivy Lodge, No. 41, K. of P., was instituted in Newton, Friday evening, March 18th. It starts with fifty charter members, and of these thirty-six were duly initiated on the opening night. The initiation was begun at 8 p. m. and was not concluded until 5. a. m., during which time it may be taken for granted that the initiators enjoyed themselves a great deal better than the neophytes. George M. Larison is C. C. of the new lodge.

A Market Garden Farm in Wayne County, Pa.

From the Honesdale Independent.

D. W., R. W. and B. S. Hull, who purchased the Hollenbeck farm, near Waymart, last fall, are making extensive arrangements for the growing of celery, onions, cabbage, lettuce and other garden products for the market the coming season. The place contains 200 acres and cost them about $8,000.

Sussex County's Colony of Beavers.

The colony of beavers, which disappeared from the vicinity of Hamburg two or three years ago, has undoubtedly been traced to Losey's pond on the Sparta mountain. The pond is noted for fish, and is owned by the Franklin Iron Co.

WURTSBORO.

H. R. Philcox's Second Experience With Fire — Appointments by the Village Trustees—An Extra Ventura—Personal Notes.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

—H. R. Philcox, whose hotel was burned Sunday evening, will remove his family and household goods to his farm house at Haven. In cleaning the house on Monday the chimney caught fire and only by timely and effective assistance was the farm house saved from destruction.

—The village fathers made appointments, Monday evening, as follows: Water Commissioner, Mercein Skinner; Street Commissioner, Geo. S. Helm; Village Clerk, G. F. Harding; Poundmaster, Ambrose Langley; Fire Wardens, James V. Morrisson, John H. Holmes, Chas. D. Immen; Board of Health, Maurice E. Stanton, Richard Dey, Jacob G Parsells, James V. Morrison, John H. Holmes, Chas. D. Immen.

—Work on the water system will probably begin March 28.

—A fire edition of our village paper, *The Ventura*, appeared on our streets, Monday morning, dated 6:45 a. m.; extra. It sold well and had a good account of the Philcox Hotel fire.

—Miss Mary Bennett is visiting friends in New York and Jersey City.

—Fred B. Ivory, of Newark, N. J., and George Parsells, of Washington, D. C., spent Sunday in town with their parents. Fred hasn't been here in sixteen years and is prospering in the ice business, while George visited us two years ago and is doing well with the Standard Oil Co. Both are natives of this village.

—Michael B. Coffey, who has been seriously ill, is much improved.

—Robt. Reiner, accompanied by a friend, both of New York city, spent Sunday in town.

—E. M. Westfall arrived in town, Monday morning, from a trip through the far west.

WAWAYANDA.

A Very Mild March—A Belated Ice Harvest—Blasting at Pochuck—Sick Children—Grafting Time—Early Plowing.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Not in several years has the month of March thus far proved so mild and uniform in temperature as this year.

—The ice harvesters for the Johnson condensery who were engaged in getting a big supply of ice from Wm. H. Wood's pond barely succeeded in their operations before the ice on the pond broke away.

—The blasting at the Pochuck Igranite quarries is plainly heard here, a distance of twelve miles.

—A few children at Slate Hill are at present on the sick list. A child of Henry Decker, at this writing, is very low.

—Now is the best time to graft apple and pear trees. Don't until after the buds begin to swell; then it is too late. That land owner undervalues his farm who has not an orchard of choice, grafted fruit growing on it.

—A few farmers have taken an early start in plowing and sowing their oats, but they don't make much headway while the ground is cold and wet.

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The Pyramid Co., Marshall, Mich., will send to any address a treatise on cause and cure of piles, also a book of testimonials.

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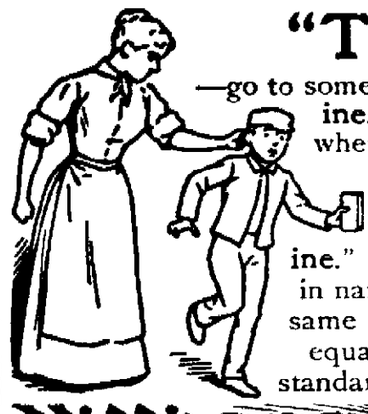

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Fair, to night and Friday; northern winds, becoming variable.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
8 a. m., 36°; 12 m., 46°; 3 p. m., 46°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—March 25—Dime entertainment in Y. M. C. A. rooms.
—March 25—Entertainment at St. Paul's M. E. Church.
—March 25—Van Ingen, Greek Art, Literary Club's lecture course.
—March 25—Basket ball and base ball games, at State Armory
—March 25—"A Gay New Yorker," at Casino.
—March 28-30—Gonzalez Opera Co., at Casino
—April 11—19th annual ball of Division No. 1, A. O. H., at Assembly Rooms.
—April 12—Lancelot Lodge, K. of P., entertainment, at Castle Hall.
—April 14—H. A. G. T. Club dance, at Assembly Rooms
—April 15—John Thomas Concert Co., at Casino
—April 15—Wallkill Encine Company's ball.
—April 19—Ball of Middletown Lodge, B of R T., at Assembly Rooms
—April 28, 29—"Pinafore," benefit Thrall Horpital, at Casino

Anticipating the result next fall, both Platt and Black appear to be arranging to blame it all on to the other fellow and there is something to be said on both sides.—*Albany Argus.*

The settlement of the dispute with the Erie over the East Main street culvert, on terms entirely satisfactory to Port Jervis, leaves the Republicans of that village without an issue on which to make a fight in the corporation election.

The Republicans of Blair county, Pa., have accomplished a remarkable feat. They passed resolutions endorsing Quay for Senator and then elected Wanamaker delegates to the State convention. They are certain to be on top no matter which way Republican politics flop.

Tom Watson, late Populist candidate for Vice President, has declined the Populist nomination for Governor of Georgia and announces his retirement from politics. The truth of the matter is that politics retired from Tom Watson, some time ago. His political career ended after his one erratic term in Congress. Since then he has been leading forlorn hopes and he has tired of running for offices that there is no possible chance of getting. Mr. Watson has been a picturesque figure in politics and has kept things lively, but there are few men who can better be spared from public life.

Republican harmony manifested itself in Warwick, the other day, when nominations for village officers were made. The Durlandites and Wilderites, who have so often been tumbled in the mire of humiliation by Clint Wisner and his followers, organized a still hunt to defeat the renomination of Mr. Wisner for president of the village. The hunt was not still enough, however, and reports of what was going on reached Mr. Wisner, who took no chances but got from under, declining to allow the use of his name in the caucus. The result is that Warwick loses the best president it could possibly have had, while the breach between the Republican factions has been widened and deepened.

In 1895, a Republican legislature so gerrymandered the wards of the village of Saratoga, and so amended the charter in other ways that it was thought to be a political impossibility for the Democrats to ever again gain control of the village government. Yet, as often happens, the politicians reckoned without the people. The Democrats have carried every election that has been held in Saratoga since the Legislature fixed things to the liking of the lost Republican bosses. Tuesday's election resulted in the choice of five Democratic and one Republican trustee. Saratoga affords an object lesson in the folly of smart politics that is worth the study of those who are tempted to try Legislation to deprive the people of their rights.

TO BUY MORE FOREST LANDS.

Bill Appropriating $500,000 for the Purpose Passed.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBANY, March 24—The Assembly has passed the bill of Senator Ellsworth to appropriate $500,000 for further purchase of forest lands. It now goes to the Governor.

SENATE ADJOURNED AT PRESIDENT'S REQUEST.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The Senate at the request of the President, voted to adjourn until Monday.

SPAIN'S FLOTILLA SAILS.

Has Left the Canaries for Porto Rico—News Caused Intense Excitement in Washington.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, March 24—The Spanish Flotilla has sailed from the Canaries for Porot Rico.

The Navy Department, learning this, immediately notified the President and War Department. The news caused intense excitement in the Navy Department and increases the gravity of the situation.

No question has been asked Spain as yet concerning this movement, nor has it been decided what action the Navy or State Departments will take under the exceptional circumstances in the case.

THE COURT OF INQUIRY.

Will Probably Be Dissolved in a Few Days—Further Investigation Not Likely

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

KEY WEST, March 24—Rear Admiral Sicard said to the Associated Press correspondent, last night, that the United States Naval Court of Inquiry into the loss of the battleship Maine was not yet dissolved. He added. "I expect to dissolve it in a few days. I am almost certain that the Washington authorities will not require any further investigation."

Commander McCalla, of the United States cruiser Marblehead, left his ship in the harbor, yesterday, and sailed, last night, on the Olivette for Tampa. It is presumed his visit is in connection with the investigation conducted there and here by Capt. Barker.

SPANISH CABINET MEETING.

Blanco Reports That He Refused to Let Sigsbee Blow Up the Maine Wreck—Money Enough for Immediate War Expenses.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

MADRID, March 24.—A semi-official note just issued says that at the Cabinet meeting, yesterday, Sagasta read a telegram from Blanco, saying: "The captain of the Maine requested permission to dynamite the wreck, but permission was refused."

The Cabinet has empowered Minister of Foreign Affairs Gullen to watch the situation with a view to seeing justice done and to defend the rights of Spain.

Minister of Finance Ruigcevener declared the resources sufficient for war expenses until the new Chambers meet.

CUBAN RELIEF MESSAGE EXPECTED

Speaker Reed Orders Every Absentee Congressman Summoned to Washington.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The Speaker has instructed Sergeant-at-Arms Russell to wire every absentee asking his presence at the session of the House, to-day,

This action is regarded as significant in view of the fact that it was generally expected the House would adjourn over to-day till Monday.

It is whispered about Washington that the President has decided to send a message to Congress announcing his purpose of sending relief to the Cubans and the action of the Speaker was the result.

THE FLOODS IN OHIO.

A Town Completely Under Water—Miles of Railroad Track Washed Away

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

SCHERODESVILLE, Ohio.—This town is completely flooded and business is entirely suspended. Great damage to property will result. The Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad tracks have been washed away for miles. The Cleveland, Canton and Southern road is practically in the same condition. The town is cut off from railroad communication.

"FIGHTING BOB" EVANS.

Ordered to the Command of the Battleship Iowa.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Capt. Robt. E. Evans, known as "Fighting Bob," was to-day ordered to the command of the battleship Iowa, Capt. Sampson, of the Iowa being ordered to the North Atlantic fleet to relieve Admiral Sicard, who is ill.

SPANISH VESSELS LEAVE KINGSTOWN.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

DUBLIN, March 24.—The Spanish torpedo boat destroyers sailed from Kingstown for Falmouth, this morning.

A PATRIOTIC AMERICAN SAILOR.

Will Paint the Armory Flag Staff While Waiting to See If His Country Needs Him.

W R Rodgers, who has the contract for painting the armory flag staff and placing on it an arrow and a truck for the halyards, has engaged Ira Crissey, a sailor, to do the work. He will commence it as soon as the truck is received from New York.

Mr. Crissey's home is in Harleyville, Sullivan county. His last ship was the Glenard, which sailed from San Francisco, Sept. 22, '97, and reached Liverpool, Feb 26. The first news that the crew heard when the ship sailed into Liverpool was that the Maine had been blown up, and as soon as he he was discharged Mr Crissey sailed for this country intending to enlist in the navy if there should be war with Spain.

He has no wish to serve in the navy in time of peace, but if there is war he will enlist as soon as he can reach the Brooklyn navy yard.

CHAS. J. BOYD'S NOMINATION.

Confirmed as Commissioner of Prisons Without Objection.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

ALBANY, March 24—The nomination of Charles J. Boyd, of Middletown, as Commissioner of Prisons, was reported to the Senate from the Committee on Penal Institutions, this morning, and confirmed without objection.

THE MAINE'S OFFICERS.

Detatched from the Wrecked Vessel and Ordered Home.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 24—Orders were issued, to-day, detatching Capt. Sigsbee and other officers from the Maine and ordering them home to await orders.

IN THE RAILROAD WORLD.

—Twelve cars loaded with whale oil in casks, part of the cargo of a whaling ship that recently returned to San Francisco, passed over the Erie, Wednesday.

—The Baldwin Locomotive Works have recently booked an order for fifteen locomotives for the Egyptian State Railway. They are to be heavy mogul freight engines, and will be shipped early in May.

—A general increase in wages of Lehigh Valley passenger trainmen has been made. Conductors who have been getting $2 75 a day now receive $3.25. Baggagemasters' wages have been increased to $2.30 a day, and brakemen's to $1.90.

—To appease the fears of Hackensack commuters, who threatened to move back to New York if the Susquehanna's terminal is made at the Pavonia ferry, the Erie people announce that no change will be made from the Pennsylvania station until the plans for overhead crossings are perfected.

Mother and Son.

Middletown, N. Y. March 17, 1898. John V. Gebhart, P. O. box 170, this town states that his experience with the famous medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla, has been very gratifying. He suffered from impure blood and disordered stomach, and was unable to sleep at night. As his mother had taken the medicine with benefit while suffering from nervous weakness and loss of appetite, she advised him to try it, and after taking a few bottles he was completely cured.

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LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, today.

The melancholy days have come,
House cleaning time is here,
When zealous women make things hum
And home's no longer dear.
Upstairs and down dire chaos there,
Brooms, mops, and slops and suds,
Whitewash, fresh paint—nor lounge, nor chair,
Nor place to lay your duds:
You fall o'er household goods in stacks,
Eat supper in the shed,
Then fill your feet with carpet tacks
While on your way to bed.
—Alliance Review.

—"A Gay New Yorker," at the Casino, to-morrow night.

—Kingston's stone crusher has been started up for the season.

—S. Lipfield has an attractive display of Easter neckties in his window.

—Monticello vs. 24th in a basket ball game at the armory, to morrow night.

—The water mains will be blown out between the hours of 10 and 2, to-night.

—Eight cents a dozen has been the price for eggs in Downsville during the past week.

—Remember "A Gay New Yorker" will be produced at the Casino, to-morrow night. Prices as usual.

—The 24th Separate Company Band will give a concert in the State Hospital amusement hall, to-night.

—The early closing agreement will terminate on April 1st, and after that time the stores will be open evenings.

—Thirty new volumes have just been added to the Newburgh law library, which now contains 5,300 volumes.

—A treat in farce comedy is promised for to-morrow night, at the Casino, when "A Gay New Yorker" will be produced.

—Remember the dime social at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, Friday evening, under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary. 1t

—Of the twenty-six persons who graduated from the New Paltz Normal School in February twenty-three have positions as teachers.

—W. H. Richardson has purchased the machinery and fixtures in H. D. House's laundry in Warwick and will continue the business.

—Prof. Van Ingen's lecture on "Greek Sculpture" will be well worth hearing. At the First Presbyterian lecture room, to-morrow evening.

—The managers of the Middletown-Goshen Convalescent Home will meet at Goshen, tonight, to arrange plans for the summer's work of charity.

—At the Washingtonville election last week a proposition to exempt firemen from village taxation to the amount of $500 was defeated by a single vote.

—The Monticello boys who play basket ball with the 24th at the armory, to-morrow night, have a large number of friends in this city who will want to see the game.

—The programme Friday evening in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium will begin at 8 o'clock. Refreshments will be served free after the programme. Admission only ten cents. 1t

—W. H. Shaw, of Scotchtown, has presented Jacob Gunther with a beautiful specimen of the peacock family. Mr. Gunther will send it to Batchelder, who will mount it.

—Wayne county, Pa., on Monday passed the first century of its existence. In all the schools of the county the teachers and children in appropriate exercises commemorated the event.

—Miss Ambler will recite and Mr. Holmes will play at the 10 cent entertainment, to be given at St. Paul's Church, Friday evening of this week. Cake and coffee will be served. Ice cream on sale. 3d3t

—Howard Chipp has resigned as Kingston's corporation attorney, giving as a reason that he found the duties interfered with his general law practice. John W. Searing has been appointed his successor.

—A dog belonging to John Schweiker, of Sparrowbush, went mad, Wednesday morning, and attacked its owner, who fought it off. It was shot by Walter Osterhout as it started down the village street.

—It is proposed in Stamford, Delaware county, to vote an appropriation of $500 to be raised by general tax and used in advertising in the New York papers the attractions of the village as a summer resort.

—The State Superintendent has threatened Delhi with the loss of its public money if the compulsory education law is not enforced more strictly. The school registers show, it is said, too many cases of absence and tardiness.

—Prof. Van Ingen, of Vassar College, who will lecture on "Greek Sculpture" at the First Presbyterian lecture room, Friday evening, lectured in this city, last year, and pleased all who heard him. His lecture is the last in the literary clubs' course.

Tisn't safe to be a day without Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil in the house. Never can tell what moment an accident is going to happen.

Dr. Ward's Wrought Flannel Salve

PERSONAL.

—M. Meinhold, of Hurleyville, was in this city, to-day.

—Mrs. F. W. Carpenter, of New York city, is visiting in town.

—J. Harvey Goodale is recovering rapidly from his recent illness.

—Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gillen, of Newburgh, are visiting in this city.

—N. L. Furman, of Warwick, was in this city, yesterday, on business.

—Fred Massey, who has been visiting in this city, returned to Walton, to-day.

—Wm. F. Fairview, of Brooklyn, was in town, yesterday, visiting relatives and friends.

—Mrs W. T. Fairchild, is visiting her sister, Mrs. B. B. Williams, on West Main street.

—W. A. White, of the O. and W., with headquarters at Middletown, spent Sunday in Walton.—*Times*

—Mrs. J. D. Rockafellow, Mrs. F. O. Rockafellow, and Master Oliver Rockafellow are spending the day in Washingtonville.

—Frank O. Grover is removing his family and household goods from 34 Lake avenue to the Perlee house on Albert street, which he recently purchased.

—The Deckertown correspondent of the *Sussex Register* says that Wesley B. Mills will remove from Deckertown on April 1st to his farm in the suburbs of Middletown.

—Mrs. Harriet Bertholf, widow of the late Edmund Bertholf, will hereafter make her home with her sister, Mrs. Broadhead, on Linden avenue, Middletown.—*Warwick Dispatch.*

—W. H. Hyde, money order clerk at the post office, whose illness has been mentioned in the Argus, is considered in a critical condition by his physician. The disease seems to be catarrh of the stomach, and has advanced to such a stage that visitors are not allowed to see him.

THE CUBAN RELIEF FUND.

Generous Response Being Made to Mayor Mance's Appeal.

Mayor Mance acknowledges the receipt of the following additional contributions to the Cuban Relief Fund:

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Lillian Wiggins	1 00
Ella Wiggins	1 00
Ada Wiggins	1 00
"The Moffat."	1 00
P. E. S.	50
Clifford Owen	1 00
Wickham C. Young	2 00
Rev. F. L. Wilson	5 00
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Miss F. Morris	5 00
Daniel Lybolt	1 00
A. M. Payne	1 00
Mrs. E. M. Knight	10 00
Mechanictown	1 00
D. & M.	2 00
E. S.	50
H. C.	25
B. F.	20
Thos. J. Morris	1 00
Total	$ 89 59

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Margaret McDermott.

Mrs. Margaret McDermott, one of the oldest residents of this city, passed away quietly at her home, 134 North street, Tuesday night. She was born in County Kildare, Ireland, Sept. 15, 1823. She was the daughter of Maurice Doran and Anna Maria Collis She was married to James McDermott in the city of Dublin in May, 1844, and arrived in New York, June, 1846. Two years later, she came to Middletown and has since resided here.

She is survived by five sons and three daughters, John, of New York Thomas, of Brooklyn; Garry, James and William, of this city; Kate, Mary and Anna, wife of Michael J. Dougherty, of this city.

The funeral notice appears elsewhere.

AT SUPT. URBAN'S RESIGNATION.

He Will Leave the Service of the Traction Company, Saturday—A Good Record.

Supt. O. C. G. Urban, of the Middletown-Goshen Traction Company, retires from the service of the company, Saturday, of this week. He will remain in this city for a month or more, resting.

Mr. Urban has been a painstaking, conscientious official, well-liked by the public and respected by the men under him. He has filled a difficult position with rare judgement and marked ability, and his management of the road has been so good as to attract the attention of street railroad men in other cities.

Mr. Urban, in whatever business he may engage, will take with him the best wishes of many Middletown friends.

Have Bought the Ayres Shoe Store.

Winfield H. Mapes, who formerly conducted a coal yard on North street, near Wickham avenue, and William H. Rogers, the well known shoe salesman, have purchased the business of Ayres, the shoe dealer on West Main street. The new firm will make an announcement, to-morrow.

Meeting of State Hospital Managers.

The quarterly meeting of the State Hospital Board of Managers was held, to-day, at the institution. The only absentees were Messrs. McCroskery, Stansbury and Snow.

—A twenty-five cent entertainment and refreshments free,—all for the small sum of ten cents at the door, Friday evening in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. 1t

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WILL HELP SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Fear of War With Spain Will Make Seaside Resorts Unpopular, and Send People Flocking to the Mountains.

The possibility, or as many people think, the very great probability of war with Spain, is playing the very mischief with the season's prospect of the seaside resorts adjacent to New York. Usually at this time there is brisk demand for cottages for summer occupancy in all those places; but now nobody wants them because of dread of Spanish powder and ball and more dreadful shells.

If war comes, this apprehension of danger to be experienced by populations on the immediate coast line will cause many thousand people to flee from New York and Brooklyn to the interior of the State. There will be a rush to the country in every direction. Such crowding into Sullivan county as will ensue has never been thought would come about. People will be knocking at every door for admittance; and although thousands more than ever before will be taken in, there will be thousands left knocking for whom there will not be room inside.

DR. WILSON TO THE MAYOR.

Willing to Do What He Can for the Starving Cubans—Is Sorry for Them $1 Worth and Wishes He Could Make It $100.

Mayor Charles E. Mance:

MY DEAR SIR:—Although circumstances will prevent me from calling and working up such a mass meeting of the citizens of Middletown as that to which reference was made in my letter of yesterday, which appeared in our city papers, I wish to bear some humble part in the good work. Enclosed find check for $5, and I wish it were $100.

Up to the measure of my ability, I will be glad to serve you in any concerted effort for the relief of the famishing reconcentrados, and hope everybody in town will do the same.

FRANK L. WILSON.

TOO MUCH ARSENIC.

Taxidermist Batchelder Ordered to Give Up Work.

Benj. Batchelder, the well known taxidermist, has been ordered by his physician to give up work. He suffers from a weakened physical condition resulting from contact with arsenic in his work. He has also been advised to leave this vicinity and seek a home in the mountains.

Mr. Batchelder is one of the best known taxidermists in this section of the State. Many homes contain specimens of his handiwork, while Jacob Gunther's and August Pfaff's game collections are mainly of Mr. Batchelder's work. His eye for the natural is perfect, and his mounting never fails to attract attention.

PUBLIC RHETORICAL EXERCISES.

To Be Held at the High School, To-morrow Afternoon.

The rhetorical exercises at the High School, to-morrow afternoon, will be free to all and the public is invited to attend. The programme will be as follows:

Music—Cease This Dreaming
The Ride of Jennie McNeal.....Jane C. Purdy
The Duty of the American Soldier..Irving C. Bull
Music May Day Song
The Charcoal Man.....Blanche O'Neill
A Catastrophe.....Harry S. DeWitt
Music—Last Night
The New South.....Harriet H. Hirst
Battle of Missionary Ridge.....Harry B. Ketcham
Music—At Eventide.....Class
What's in a Name.....Edith Y. Webb
Our Duty to Cuba.....Harry T. Crist
Music.....By All

Great Fall in House Rents in Newburgh

The Newburgh *News* says that there has been a great fall in house rents in that city and the house seekers are masters of the situation. The supply of houses is far in excess of the demand and rents have gone tumbling until owners are apparently glad to accept almost any price that a prospective tenant may be willing to offer.

An Old Landmark to Be Removed.

The old landmark at 138 West Main street, which was originally built for a shop and which was recently sold to S. S. Purvis by the owner, Nathaniel T. Smith, is being removed to make room for a cottage which Mr. Purvis will erect on the lot.

A Dance at Mount Hope.

A number of young people from this city will attend a dance to be given, to-night, at the home of Charles Shaw in Mount Hope. The gathering will be a large one, many invitations having been issued.

Vats Arrive for the Brewery.

A train load of vats, each of which will hold eighty barrels of beer, arrived in this city, this morning, for the Orange County Brewery.

Rector Evans at Ellenville.

Rev. David Evans went to Ellenville, to-day, to preach at St. John's Memorial Church. He will return, to-morrow morning.

Dropsy and Heart Disease.

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AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Talking Up the Trolley Road to Newburgh—Driving Park Association's Annual Meeting—At St. James's Church—Personal and Local Notes.

From Our Regular Correspondent

—Henry M. Fitch, of Washingtonville, is in town in the interest of the proposed trolley road to connect Goshen and Newburgh.

—The annual meeting of the Driving Park Association will be held at the St. Elmo at 2 p. m., Saturday afternoon.

—Mrs. Henry Bacon and daughter will spend the month of April in Washington.

—Mrs. James Van Steenbergh is visiting her sister, Mrs. Carrie B artie.

—Miss Frances Miller, the soloist, is still confined to her room. Her mother is with her.

—Rev. Mr. McGuinness preached an eloquent sermon at St. James's, last night.

—Wilson White will accept the position in Smith's shoe store made vacant by the resignation of F. E. Larkin.

NEW HAMPTON.

Attended Mrs. Walsh's Funeral.

Correspondence of ARGUS AND MERCURY.

—Among those from out of town who attended the funeral of Mrs. Margaret Walsh, Wednesday, were Rev. Father Kelly, rector of St. John's Church, White Plains, N. Y.; J. O'Shea, M. White, Jersey City; John Burns, Hamburgh, N. J.; C. Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. O'Brien, J. C. Curley, J. A. Keogh, J. McNamara, Paterson, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gillen, Newburgh; Mr. and Mrs. J. Colton, Mrs. C. Rivercamp, Goshen; Mr. and Mrs. Charles May, Suffern.

A Very Large Funeral.

The Warwick *Dispatch* says that the funeral of the late Sylvanus R Drew, held at the Drew homestead, Friday afternoon, was one of the largest funerals ever held in that section. Over 230 single and double rigs were tied near the house, and it was estimated that over 700 people paid the last tribute of respect to the mortal remains of this warm-hearted and generous-minded citizen.

Prof. Van Ingen's Lecture, To-morrow Evening.

The pictures which Prof. Van Ingen will use in illustrating his lecture on "Greek Sculpture," in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church, to-morrow evening, are the finest of their kind in America. No one should miss this opportunity of seeing them. Tickets may be bought at the door.

This lecture is the final one in the literary clubs' very successful course.

A Leaky Cart That Vexed James Street Business Men.

A dirt cart, loaded with liquid mud, passed through James street, this morning, after the street had been swept. The cart sprung a leak and the street was left in a very untidy condition. The merchants were very indignant and the reporters were summoned to look at it.

Five Truants Captured by a Bogie Man

Warwick had a fox chase, Friday, and the desire of a number of school boys to see it made possible another and equally interesting chase. A number of boys played truant, and bogie man Brown struck the scent and after a long chase captured five of the truants.

May Send Their Contributions to the Mayor.

Superintendent Tuthill asks us to say that it has been thought best to allow pupils who wish to contribute to the Cuban relief fund to do so by sending their contributions directly to the mayor.

A Big Pile of Ice.

The Delhi Condensary has secured over 3,000 tons of ice from Spring Lake, in Meredith, and stacked it at the shore of the little lake. It took 15 tons of hay and 25,000 feet of boards to cover the big pile.

Basket Ball With the Monticello Team

The Monticello Athletic Club will meet the 24th in a game of basket ball at the armory, to-morrow night. A game of base ball between the married and single men of the company will also be played.

Good Prices for Heifers.

At Mrs. D. Lyle Thompson's recent sale in Bovina, Delaware county, twenty-five two-year-old heifers averaged $31.37 each, the highest price being $41.50.

—H. L. Adams will sing a solo at the Ladies' Auxiliary entertainment, Friday evening, in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. The hall should be filled. 1t

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A Final Farewell Sale

Wednesday and Thursday!

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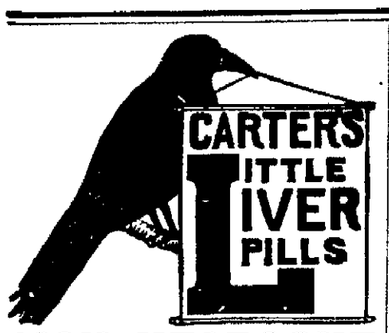

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Senator Speaks For Cuba to Sympathetic Audience.

SAYS MONEY WON'T ATONE THE MAINE

The Bill Providing For Relief For the Survivors of the Great Disaster Passes the Senate Without a Word of Debate.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—A vivid word picture of the horrors and barbarities of concentration on the island of Cuba was drawn in the senate yesterday by Mr Gallinger of New Hampshire. The senator recently visited Cuba personally to study the situation of the reconcentrados and to ascertain the facts concerning the general Cuban question. It was known that Mr. Gallinger was to speak upon Cuba, and long before the senate convened the galleries were packed. Notwithstanding the crowded galleries there was a minimum of noise and confusion. When the spectators addressed one another they spoke in whispers, and during the opening proceedings it was so quiet that ordinary conversation might have been heard throughout the chamber.

Almost as soon as the senate convened Mr. Bacon (Ga.) introduced a joint resolution declaring that the United States should do everything in its power to preserve peace with all the nations of the world and not be forced into a war except to preserve the honor and dignity of the nation. He said that he would not ask for immediate consideration of the resolution, but would permit it to lie upon the table.

Then Mr. Hale (Me.), chairman of the naval affairs committee, quietly arose and favorably reported the bill providing for relief for the survivors of the Maine catastrophe. There was a suppressed murmur of expectancy in the galleries, but the measure was read and passed without a word of debate.

Mr. Gallinger's speech followed. He spoke in a low, clear tone of voice, distinctly audible throughout the chamber. There was not a word of interruption throughout his speech. His auditors listened intently to a pathetic description of the horrors and cruelties suffered by the reconcentrados, but gave no outward manifestation of their feelings.

When he declared, however, that a government that would starve 400,000 of its people would do anything and followed this with the further declaration that the lives of the brave men lost in the Maine disaster could not be atoned for with gold or silver, a spontaneous wave of applause swept over the galleries, and the vice president had difficulty in restoring order. When he concluded he was accorded a tremendous burst of applause, which the vice president made little effort to restrain.

The senate then quietly resumed consideration of the bill making further provision for a civil government in Alaska and at 2 o'clock took up the national quarantine bill. Its consideration had not been concluded when the senate adjourned.

Thorp Gets the Seat.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—R. T. Thorp was yesterday given the seat from the Fourth Virginia district. Sidney P Eppes, who obtained the certificate of election, was unseated by a strict party vote, Mr. Thorp being given the seat by a vote of 151 to 130. The Republicans without a break voted for Thorp, and the Democrats and Populists, with the exception of Mr Howard of Alabama, a Populist, voted for Eppes. Mr. Thorp contested the seat of Mr. McKenny in the last congress and was seated The Republican majority in the house, which was 52 when the house convened last summer, is now 54.

Agree on the Army Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The army reorganization bill was adopted unanimously yesterday by the house committee on military affairs, and it was subsequently reported to the house. The bill was agreed on Tuesday, but in view of the significance of the measure it was deemed best that the committee should also pass on the report which had been ordered prepared to insure the correct representation of the committee's views

Determined Coal Miners.

ALTOONA Pa., March 24.—The coal operators of the central Pennsylvania district have refused to meet the miners in joint session. President Harris says that it looks very much as if they do not intend to recognize the miners This makes the situation grave The miners at a secret session passed a resolution declaring a strike which will go into effect April 9 unless the operators yield

Daring Team of Train Robbers.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—One of the most expert cases of train robbery in California has just occurred on the Southern Pacific near Goshen in the heart of the San Joaquin valley Two men stopped the north bound Los Angeles express, blew up the express safe and obtained $20 000 in treasure shipped from the Randsburg mines, as well as considerable money from the registered mail

May Indict Owners of Chicago Death Trap.

CHICAGO, March 24.—The coroner's jury investigating the cause of the Wabash avenue fire, in which a score of people lost their lives, censured the owners of the building in a verdict, holding that the structure was faultily constructed and insufficiently supplied with fire escapes. The verdict recommends that the question of indictments be taken up by the grand jury.

Winchester's Widow Dead.

NEW HAVEN, March 24.—Mrs Jane Winchester, widow of the late Oliver F. Winchester, founder of the Winchester Repeating Arms company, died at her home on Prospect street last night, aged 91 She is survived by one daughter, who is the wife of Thomas G. Bennett, now president of the Winchester company.

Mr. Willard Recovering.

CHICAGO, March 24.—Mr. E. S. Willard is rapidly recovering from the slight attack of typhoid fever which compelled him to give up acting for the present season. It is believed that in a short time he will be able to sail for Italy, where he intends spending his vacation.

There is no other valor in the world that can stands comparison with that displayed by the woman called upon to protect her children from violence. There is no weapon that a woman will not wield and no danger that she will not dare. It is before and after their birth that too many women fail to protect their children from the greatest of all dangers, the most blighting of all inheritances—feeble and sickly bodies.

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To renovate tarnished gold and silver embroidery rub it with a small piece of flannel dipped in spirits of wine.

Clean straw matting with bran water. This is made by putting three pits of bran in two quarts of water and letting it boil. When it is almost cold, wash the matting with it and afterward dry it well.

A faded carpet may be greatly improved by being wiped over with a damp cloth which has been wrung out in ammonia and water. Only a little ammonia is necessary—a tablespoonful to a small bucketful of water will be ample.

A lemon cut in half and rubbed on tarnished brass will have a speedy and very beneficial effect. The brass must then be washed in warm water, dried, and afterward polished with a leather. Many people assert that the lemon has a better effect if the cut side be dipped in common salt before applying it.

When coffee is spilled on a white table cloth the cloth should be at once put in cold water and, after soaking for a little time, the stains should be gently rubbed. If they are very bad it is sometimes necessary to try something else and a mixture should be made of the well-beaten yolk of an egg, two or three drops of sherry and a little rainwater. Dip the stained parts into this, then rub, and rinse well in clean, cold water.

HARD WORDS FOR OLD FOLKS.

Posers Which Will Bring Down Even the Masters of Literature.

When young people want to turn the tables on the elders who are always asking them questions they can't answer a little study of the dictionary will arm them with a number of posers capable of bringing down college presidents.

A literary man of fame and a master of the English tongue was asked the other day by a merry girl to spell and define "giffen," he gave it up on both counts yet "giffen" is a proper English word, neither obsolete nor archaic, nor provincial, nor technical. The young girl and her mates had been making a game among themselves by giving out to each other for spelling and definition short words that, like "giffen," could be considered a part of the living literary English tongue; to allow any letters was to make the game too hopelessly difficult; as it was when anyone able to show acquaintance with a word on some one else's list she had hastily distinguished herself

These are some of the words they introduced to each other: Targie, ergal, pile, vanitied, awn, balinal, bandog, [illegible] ed, mourvee, dollap, mazer [illegible] sofman and vacial

PHILADELPHIA'S SCANDAL.

A Councilman Acknowledges He Accepted a Bribe and Implicates Others.

PHILADELPHIA, March 24.—The Schuylkill valley water bill scandal is growing daily and promises to develop into the ugliest ever inflicted on this city Yesterday at the hearing of Peter E Smith before Judges Gordon and Bregy Select Councilman Louis J. Walker declared that he and Common Councilman Edwin E Smith had each accepted $500 from Common Councilman Charles Seger to vote for the bill in committee. He also averred that Select Councilman J Emory Biram had previously offered him $5,000 to vote for the bill in the chamber, but he had refused the money and voted against it.

Councilman Stevenson reiterated his charges against Peter E Smith of offering him money, and the accused was held in $10,000 bail, his trial being set for next Tuesday.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

It is believed in Newfoundland that the sealing fishery will be very good.

Sir Thomas Smith, surgeon extraordinary to the queen, says Mr. Gladstone's illness is serious.

Two masked robbers held up a train in California and blew the express car to atoms with dynamite

Three Falmouth fishermen were found dead in a New Bedford (Mass) hotel, having been asphyxiated by gas

The retirement of Premier Winter of Newfoundland and his elevation to the chief justiceship is being considered.

The bill prohibiting a saloon to be opened within 200 feet of a church or schoolhouse has been passed in the senate at Trenton

Two engagements between dervishes and Anglo-Egyptian troops near Atbara, Egypt, recently resulted in the defeat of the former.

Dan Harris was hanged in Tennessee for the murder of Lizzie Edmondson two years ago. Harris made a statement on the scaffold confessing his guilt

China, it is reported, refuses to accept Russia's pledge that the occupation of Port Arthur will not be permanent unless the document is countersigned by France and Germany, but it is believed that if she does not accede to the Russian demands before Saturday next Russia intends to seize Port Arthur and Ta-lien-wan and to hoist the Russian flag there.

Lord Salisbury's Retirement.

LONDON, March 24.—The Daily Chronicle says "We learn that the long cabinet council on Monday was to consider an intimation from the Marquis of Salisbury of his desire, acting under medical advice, to resign both the premiership and the foreign secretaryship. Our news is obtained from a source usually trustworthy, but the crisis may take a few weeks to develop, the queen being abroad Lord Salisbury's successor are almost certain to be the Duke of Devonshire as premier and Mr. Arthur J Balfour as secretary of state for foreign affairs."

A Bitter Pill For Crispi.

ROME, March 24.—The chamber of deputies adopted by a vote of 207 to 7 the committee's report recommending "political censure" against former Premier Crispi, who has been accused of complicity in the Bank of Naples scandals and of illegal trafficking in decorations. He will not be prosecuted.

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Parental Innocence.

Hiram Oatbin—Here's a telegram from my boy at college. He says (reading): "Dropped money—pool. Send $25 first mail. John."

Mrs. Oatbin—Be you goin' to send it, Hi?

Hiram Oatbin—Of course, bein' it was an accident. I guess as how the money fell into one of them big sewers they have in the city.—N. Y. Journal.

Washington's Version.

The three great virtues we've always known,
Learned at our mother's knee;
But this is the way George thought it ran:
"Faith, hope and cherry-tree."
—Judge.

HER (ADI) POSE.

Miss Podge (to gentleman who has been arranging private theatricals)—Now, I hope you've given me a good part, Mr. Tate.

Mr. T.—My dear Miss Podge, you have one of the fattest parts in the piece!

(Miss Podge, whose knowledge of theatrical terms is limited, puts him down as a personal wretch at once.)—Fun.

A Misfit.

And right in the midst of the coldest storm,
One is likely to smile if he sees
An Englishman trying to keep himself warm
In a coat made of Irish frieze.
—L. A. W. Bulletin.

Another Sort of Blow.

Maud—Jack stole a kiss from me last night.

Minnie—He did? Why, the courts have decided that that is equivalent to a blow.

Maude—Oh, but Jack promised not to blow about it.—Up-to-Date.

Comfortable at Home.

"Say, I haven't seen you at the club for a fortnight. What's the matter?"

"Just now I'm staying at home a good deal."

"Really?"

"Yes; my wife is visiting her parents."
—Paris Gaulois.

At a Woman's Club.

Father (to his 19-year-old daughter)—And what did you do at the club today, dear?

Daughter—Oh, papa! we had just the best time. We spent three hours discussing the value of silence in women.—Judge.

The Proper Caper.

Mr. Millyuns (briskly)—Want my daughter, eh? Well, how much are you worth? Money talks, you know.

Bob Hardup (cheerfully) — Yes; — I know;—but I'd be willing to let her do most of the talking.—Puck.

Dangerous Insinuation.

Nellie—I know that I am not perfect. I realize that I have my faults.

George—Yes; that's so.

Nellie (indignantly)—I have, eh? I'd like to know what they are. Just name one.—N. Y. World.

All Buyers Are Sold.

The Proprietor—I hope you never let a customer go out of the store without buying something.

The Clerk—Well, I believe there are very few go out whom we do not sell.—Yonkers Statesman.

A Natural Conclusion.

Editor—You interviewed Mrs. Blank on the subject, I suppose?

Reporter—Well, not exactly; I saw the lady but she refused to talk.

Editor—Refused to talk! Why, when did she die?—Chicago Daily News.

Speaking of Strength.

Customer—Is that what you call a strong cup of coffee?

Waiter—Sure, Mike. You couldn't hardly break one of dem cups wit' a ax.—Indianapolis Journal.

Of Course Not.

"I never knew but one man who was satisfied that he understood women."

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Nothing Left But Eggs.

Guest—Waiter, bring me a dozen fried oysters.

Waiter—Sorry, sah, but we's all out o' shell-fish, 'ceptin' eggs, sah.—Town Topics.

A Reply.

Creditor—Look here, now. I want an answer. When are you going to pay my bill?

Chollie—Aw—m'dear sir, I'm no prophet.—Harlem Life.

Certainly Proof Enough.

Nellie—I wonder if Mr. Graceleigh really loves me?

Ramie—I am sure of it. I heard him say he thought you handsome.

MIDDLETOWN TIME TABLES.

Erie Railroad Co.

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Trains marked with * run daily. Trains Nos 401, 405, 406, 417, 426 and run Sundays only. All other trains daily except Sunday. †Train Nos. 1 & 8 will stop only for passengers for Binghamton or west thereof—due notification must be given at the ticket office. Trains with the following letters affixed indicate connection, viz.: "G" with Newburg Branch via Greycourt; "T" with Newburg Short-cut Branch via Turners; "A" with Newburgh short cut via Arden. "M" with Montgomery Branch, and "P" with Pine Island Branch

GOING EAST.

Nos	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 15 Chicago Ex.	4.19 a.m.	
* 19 New York Special	6.01 "	
25 Middletown Way	6.20 "	....6.32 a.m
19 Orange Co. Ex., G.M.	7.10 "	....7.13 "
29 Mountain Ex., T	8.28 "	.... 8.36 "
35 Del. Val. Ex. (M.P.G.)	10.45 "	
* 5 W. Mail, (G.'exc'pt Su)	12.58 p.m.	...12.57 p.m
39 Way, A. M. P. G.	4.10 "	....4.13 "
* 3 C. & G. T. Ex. "A"	5.00 "	
* 3 C. & St. L. Limited	5.55 "	
23 P. J. Local T	7.26 "	...7.25
* 14 Wells Fargo Express	10 40 "	
605 P. J. Local (Sun only)		
M. P. and G. T.	8.26 a.m.	
609 P. J. Local (Su only) "G"	8.56 p.m.	
16 Milk (Sunday only)	6.56 p.m.	

GOING WEST

Nos.	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 17 Milk	6.47 a.m.	
21 Port Jervis Way	10.26 "	....10.24 a.m
* 1 Day Express	†10.56 "	
9 Corning Express	11.25 "	
11 Port Jervis Local	1.04 p.m.	.... 1.01 p.m
33 Port Jervis Exp.	3.40 "	.... 3.37 "
* 5 C. & St. L. Exp.	4.16 "	
27 Mountain Exp.	5.42 "	.... 5.39 "
15 Orange Co. Exp.	6.46 "	.... 6.41 "
25 Middletown Way ar.	8.05 "	.... 8.06 "
* 7 C. & G. T. Exp.	9.54 "	
29 Way	9.13 "	
* 3 Chicago Exp.	11.12 "	
601 Sunday Local	10 38 a.m.	
625 P. J. Way (Sun only)	3.06 p.m.	
617 " " "	10 29 "	

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GOING NORTH.

No	Leave for	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
101	Pine Bush Mail	11 35 a.m.	....11.40 a.m
*115	" " "		.... 6.55 p.m
901	Sun. only	11 00	....11.16 a.m

GOING SOUTH.

*128	Arrive from Pine Bush	8.16 a.m
*130	" " "	8.40 pm

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

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14—Wickham Ave., cor. Prince, O. & W. R. R.
15—North street and Low avenue, hat shops.
16—North St. and Wisner Ave., type shop.
17—Railroad avenue and Montgomery street.
18—Grand avenue and Prince street.
23—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
24—West Main street and Wallkill avenue.
25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
26—James and Henry streets.
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
213—State Hospital Gate.
214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
215—Rear of State Hospital.
24—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
25—High and Hanford streets.
26—Canal street, coudensery.
27—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
28—Fairview avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
4*—Academy avenue and Honston avenue.
4—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and Genung street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
48—Grant street and Sprague avenues.
49—East Main street and Prospect avenue.
54—North street, near Orchard.
57—Franklin Square.
21—Rung before a box number, denotes that a test is being made.
1 stroke denotes circuit broken.
2-2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
4 strokes of bell denotes recall, fire is out.

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N. Y. Leave	A M	A M		P M	P M
Franklin St	3 27	7 40		3 05	5 45
W. 42d St.,	3 35	7 55		3 15	6 15
Weehawken	4 05	8 10		3 30	6 30
Cornwall	6 10	9 45		5 05	7 50
Otisville	6 22	9 53		5 08	
Orr's Mills	6 25	9 55		5 10	
Little Britain	6 30	10 00		5 15	8 20
Burnside	6 36	10 06		5 21	
Campbell Hall	6 39	10 09		5 24	8 29
Stony Ford	6 45	10 15		5 30	8 35
M'town Main St.	7 28	11 00		6 15	9 20
M'town ar	7 40	11 15		6 30	9 35
M'town lv	8 45	5 55		6 15	8 45
Winterton	9 10	11 09		6 30	
Bloom'g'b'gh	9 21	11 15		6 35	
Wurtsboro	9 36	11 19		6 40	
Summitville	9 38	11 30		6 50	
Ellenville ar	10 05	11 50		7 10	
Fallsburgh	10 32	12 05		7 20	
Hurleyville	10 53	12 12		7 27	
Ferndale	11 15	12 22		7 33	
Liberty	11 29	12 29		7 44	9 50
Parksville	11 45	12 45		7 55	
Liv'gst'n M'r	12 00	12 52		8 08	10 13
Rockland	12 15	1 06		8 20	10 28
Cadosia	1 20	2 00			11 50
Walton	2 10	2 45		8 05	11 33
Maywood		3 14		8 38	
Sidney		3 40		9 02	12 15
N'rwich ar		4 30		9 50	2 58
N'rwich lv		4 35		9 54	1 08
Castle		6 06			12 12
Oneida ar		6 10			2 17
Oneida lv		6 15			
Fulton		7 57			
Oswego ar		8 20			3 50

SOUTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	6 New York Exp *	12 Local	50 Delhi Ex	14 N Y Day Exp	42 Norwich Exp
	A M			A M	P M
Oswego lv	11 20			6 45	2 55
Oneida ar				8 46	5 05
Oneida lv	12 26				
Castle				8 53	5 37
Norwich ar	2 09			10 37	7 15
Norwich lv	2 14			10 42	
Sidney	3 05			11 40	
Maywood				11 57	
Walton	3 50			12 37	
Cadosia	4 21			1 20	
Rockland				2 10	
Liv'gst'n M'r	5 07			2 55	
Parksville				3 37	
Liberty	5 26			3 51	
Ferndale				4 06	
Hurleyville				4 20	
Fallsburgh				4 34	
Centreville				4 50	
Mount'n D.				4 55	
Summitville				5 05	
Wurtsboro				5 13	
Bloom'g'bgh				5 18	
Winterton				5 32	
M'town ar	6 33			5 50	
M'town lv	6 43			6 00	
M'town Main St.				6 22	
Stony Ford				6 39	
Campbell H.				7 15	
Burnside				7 22	
Little Brit'n				7 33	
Orr's Mills				8 06	
Firthcliffe				8 10	
Cornwall	7 23			8 20	
Weehawken	8 45			10 50	
New York W. 42d St.,	9 00			11 00	
N. Y., Fkln St	9 15			11 30	
	P M			p m	

* Runs daily, all other trains daily except Sunday.

† Signifies that trains will stop on signal for passengers.

n Signifies that trains will stop for or to leave New York passengers only.

§ Stop for meals.

Trains leave Cadosia 2.05 p. m. for Scranton, Carbondale and intermediate stations.

Trains leave Scranton 9.55 a. m. for Cadosia.

Trains leave Summitville for Ellenville 9.40 and 11.30, a. m., 3.50 and 6.00 p. m.

Trains leave Ellenville for Summitville 7.00 and 10.50 a. m., 3.10 and 5.50 p. m.

Trains leave Delhi for Walton 7.20 and 11.00 a. m. and 5.0 p. m. Sunday only 8.15 p. m.

Trains leave Walton for Delhi 8.10 a. m., 2.45 and 8.45 p. m. Sunday only 9.15 a. m. and 2.15 p. m.

Trains leave Sidney for New Berlin 10.00 a. m., 2.45 and 7.5 p. m. Leave New Berlin for Sidney 7.40 and 10.02 a. m., and 2.0 p. m.

For further particulars see local card.

Lowest rates of fare to all points west. One to three dollars less than other lines.

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J. C. Anderson, General Passenger Agent.

N. Y., S. & W. R. R.

In effect Nov. 29th, '97.

NORTH.

New York Ferries	Daily a m	Daily ex Sun p m	Sun p m
West 23d St.	8 10	.....	3 50
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	8 30	.....	4 10
Jersey City	8 46	.....	4 25
Hackensack	9 14	.....	4 50
Paterson, (Broadway)	9 26	.....	5 02
Paterson	9 29	.....	5 04
Two Bridges	10 55	2 50	6 30
Ogdensburg	11 07	3 05	6 40
Franklin	11 12	3 15	6 46
Hamburg	11 26	3 25	6 54
Deckertown	11 28	3 40	7 03
Quarryville	11 36	3 52	7 10
Unionville	11 44	4 04	7 18
Westtown	11 49	4 15	7 24
Johnson	11 55	4 27	7 29
Slate Hill	12 00	4 37	7 34
Middletown	12 12	4 50	7 45

SOUTH.

	Daily ex Sun a m	Sun a m	Daily p m
Middletown	6 30	7 12	5 04
Slate Hill	6 42	7 27	5 15
Johnson	6 48	7 35	5 21
Westtown	6 53	7 43	5 27
Unionville	6 58	7 55	5 34
Quarryville	7 06	8 07	5 43
Deckertown	7 14	8 30	5 51
Hamburg	7 22	8 46	6 00
Franklin Junction	7 27	.....	.....
Franklin	7 29	8 56	6 07
Ogdensburg	7 34	9 06	6 12
Two Bridges	7 51	9 27	6 28
Paterson City	9 03	.....	7 45
Paterson (Broadway)	9 05	10 36	7 48
Jersey City	9 38	11 12	8 27
New York Ferries—			
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	9 53	11 23	8 38
West 23d street	10 15	11 45	9 20

f—Stop on signal.

BRUM'S G & G CURE FOR EITHER SEX This remedy being injected directly to the seat of those diseases of the Genito-Urinary Organs, requires no change of diet. Cure guaranteed in 1 to 5 days. Small plain package, by mail, $1.00 sold only by

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The Leading American Seed Catalog.

The Best Seeds that Grow, at lowest prices consistent with Quality. Twenty-one Elegant, Plain Illustrations, and Beautiful Colored Plate, showing Novelties for 1898, which cannot be had elsewhere. Mailed free to intending purchasers. Write for it today.

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Solid trains between New York and Chicago, via Chautauqua Lake or Niagara Falls. Pullman cars between New York and Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Chautauqua Lake, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Chicago.

TIME TABLE ADOPTED NOV. 28, '97.

Sun 18	12	10	26	16	28	38	6	30	2	8	22	14	606	620	Eastern Time.	17	25	15	27	5	33	11	9	1	21	7	29	601	625	617
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.....	8 14	8 00					5 10		7 20		8 45				Paterson	4 45	6 08	5 10	8 58	2 28	8 58	11 13	9 57	8 33	1 13	8 28	5 10	1 13	8 28	5 10
9 28	8 32	6 38	5 28		6 38		5 38		7 48		9 13				Turners		6 48	5 38	9 36	2 56	9 36	11 52	10 49	9 52	2 32	9 44	5 38	2 32	9 44	5 38
7 18	8 15	5 54	9 07	11 20	8 08		5 54		8 04		9 29				Monroe		7 04	5 54	9 52	3 12	9 52	12 08	10 49	10 08	2 48	9 58	5 54	2 48	9 58	5 54
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6 58	7 40	5 20	8 45		7 40		5 20		7 30		8 55				Goshen		6 30	5 20	9 18	2 38	9 18	11 34	10 15	9 36	2 14	9 24	5 20	2 14	9 24	5 20
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NEW MUSIC AND ART STORE.

To Be Opened by G. E. Bradnack in the Low Building.

Geo. E. Bradnack, of New York, will open a general music and art store in the store formerly occupied by George Shannon, in the Low building on North street. Extensive alterations and repairs, made necessary by the recent fire, are in progress and as soon as they are completed Mr Bradnack will take possession. Mr. Bradnack has been associated with the Mathushek Piano Co., of New Haven, Conn., for a number of years and will continue with that concern and the store in this city will be in charge of his brother.

Mr. Bradnack has secured the agency of the White Sewing Machine Co., and has arranged for an exhibition of fancy needle work by two expert operatives when the opening of the store occurs. A piano recital will also be given by an eminent pianist on the evening of the opening, the announcement of which will be made in a few days.

HOW TO PLANT AN ORCHARD.

Practical suggestion from a Successful Fruit Grower.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

Select a piece of land with a moist and loamy soil and plow it and harrow it smooth: then mark it off in squares twenty-five feet apart each way, set the trees a little deeper in the ground than they grew where taken from, packing the earth well about the roots.

Plant one-third Baldwins, one-third Northern Spy and the remainder King apple, Wagoner, Wolf River, Roxbury russets, Tallman sweets, red Artrachan, Tooker's favorite, maiden's blush, Gravestein, Bertenbaimer Jo Gee, seek-no-further, pippin, Tetopski, Siberian crab, Sankon and other varities as may be desired. PROF. TOOKER.

Y. M. C. A. ENTERTAINMENT.

The Programme to Be Rendered Friday Evening.

The following programme will be rendered, to-morrow evening, at the Y. M. C. A. entertainment in the gymnasium

Piano Solo	Andrew Baird
Solo	H A Fisher
Violin Solo	Miss Lottie Wells
Solo	H L Adams
Recitation	Miss Elsie Ives
Mandolin Selection	
Clarence Hulse, Hattie Hulse, Maud Sharp	
Recitation	Bayard Rifenbury
Whistling Solo	Harold Rifenbury

Admission only 10 cents. Refreshments free. 1td

Counterfeit Coins Found in an Old Ulster County House.

From the Kingston Freeman

While engaged in tearing down the house on Wilbur avenue, near the toll gate, formerly occupied by Isaac Demke as a grocery store and which some time ago was partially destroyed by fire, William and Joseph Conlin recently found hidden among the rafters a wooden box containing $117 in counterfeit silver quarters. How the counterfeit coins happened to be placed among the rafters of the house is a mystery. The Demke family have, it is said, occupied the place for nearly half a century.

Bad Weather Up the O. and W.

James A. Beakes, who returned, Wednesday evening, from a business trip to his Sidney Centre creamery, says that the weather in that section, this week, has been most abominable. It has been very cold and raw, and Tuesday it hailed all day. The roads there are at their worst, for the frost is just leaving the ground.

Excavating for the Anglo-Swiss Company's New Building.

The Anglo Swiss Company began, Wednesday, the excavation for the large building which it will erect on the southern end of its lot on Canal street. A large force of men and carts is at work and rapid progress is being made.

W. C. T. U. Social.

The next social of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the residence of Mrs Wm Dunlap 16 Wickham avenue Friday evening, March 25. A supper will be provided and fine entertainment furnished. Not for two weeks.

Has Appendicitis.

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DANGEROUS SIGNS

When a man, woman or child has pain in passing urine; when the desire to make water is frequent, especially at night; when the urine stains linen; when there are pains in the small of the back; when there is a sediment in the bottom of the vessel after it has stood over night—Kidney or Bladder Disease is present and life is endangered.

Immediate help and cure can be found in **Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy.** Every danger sign and the dread Kidney Diseases themselves (even the most distressing cases) are all removed by its use. It imparts at once renewed strength and activity to the urinary organs.

SAMPLE BOTTLE FREE.—Send your full postoffice address to the Dr David Kennedy Corporation, Rondout, N.Y., say that *you saw this liberal offer in this paper*, and a sample bottle of **Favorite Remedy** will be sent free by mail

The picture in this advertisement is that of Mr. J. E. Palmateer and his granddaughter, of Athens, N Y He was cured of Kidney Disease and she of Eczema by **Favorite Remedy.** Mr. Palmateer is most enthusiastic in his praise of this great medicine. All druggists sell **Favorite Remedy** at $1 a bottle.

ORANGE COUNTY JURY LIST.

List of Grand and Petit Jurors Drawn for the April Term of the Supreme Court.

We do hereby certify that the following are the names of persons drawn to serve as Grand Jurors at a Supreme Court, to be held in and for Orange county, at the Court House in city of Newburgh, on the first Monday of April, 1898.

Dated Goshen, N. Y., March 18, 1898.

Name	Residence	Occupation
George Ogden,	Wallkill,	Farmer
Alex Thompson,	Crawford,	"
Joseph F. Scully,	Newburgh City,	Merchant
George M Beakes,	Middletown,	Creameryman
S H Sanford,	Warwick,	Coal Dealer
Sumner Bull,	Montgomery,	Merchant
James Hastings	Newburgh City,	"
John L Sloat	Newburgh City,	Gentleman
Peter F Tupley,	Newburgh City,	Truckman
Henry Reeve,	Mount Hope	Farmer
Edgar C. Barnes,	Newburgh City,	Merchant
Lamel J Birdsell,	Newburgh Town,	Farmer
Dewitt Smith	Wawayanda,	Farmer
Wm. Van Schaick,	Middletown,	Real Estate Ag't
Theodore Ketcham,	Cornwall,	Farmer
John McNeil,	Newburgh City,	Mason
A B Lindsey,	Montgomery,	Farmer
David T Sayre,	Warwick,	"
Samuel Webb,	Monroe,	"
Wm H Strong,	Goshen,	"
Thomas I Wells,	Newburgh Town,	"
J Monroe Brown,	Wallkill,	"
John Wiggins,	Middletown,	Gent
Eden J. Philips,	Newburgh City,	Stair Builder

S E STRONG, Sheriff
W H WYKER, } Justices.
W D MILLS, }
W G TAGGART, County Clerk.

PETIT JURORS.

We do hereby certify that the following are the names of persons drawn to serve as Petit Jurors at a Supreme Court, to be held in and for Orange county, at the Court House in the city of Newburgh, on the first Monday of April, 1898.

Dated Goshen, N Y, March 18 1898

Name	Occupation	Residence
Alfred Hill,	Newburgh City,	Carpenter
L J Beers	Middletown,	"
James I Hoyston	Wallkill,	Farmer
Austin S Bull	New Windsor,	"
Gershom Wells,	Chester	Laborer
Walter Barlow	Wawayanda,	Farmer
H W Storey	Middletown,	Real Estate
John W Matthews	Newburgh City,	Merchant
John Jessup	Goshen	Farmer
P L Truex	Middletown,	Carriages
Frederick Noe,	Cornwall	Carpenter
Alonzo Decker Jr,	New Windsor,	Farmer
Gershom Clark,	Monroe,	"
Lewis W Hulse	Goshen	Merchant
Jesse Maibee,	Bloomingburgh,	Farmer
David J Burtis	Warwick,	"
Richard M Cunningham	Tuxedo,	"
Thomas J. Adderton	Newburgh,	Merchant
Nathan H Storms,	Chester,	Carpenter
Wm B Bradner	Warwick,	Farmer
William H Thorne,	Newburgh City,	Carpenter
David Frear,	Goshen,	Merchant
John Weller,	Middletown,	Miller
Joseph R Davenport,	Warwick,	Farmer
Abram H May,	Goshen,	Hotel Keeper
Wm Loevens,	Middletown,	Saloon
Monet Fleming,	Newburgh	Farmer
Irving J Newell,	Middletown,	Hatter
John E Swenson,	Cornwall,	Farmer
John Sharp	Deerpark,	Miller
F A Eilenberger	Middletown,	Saleesman
Alexander E. Morrison	New Windsor,	Farmer
John McBride	Hamptonburgh	"
Henry Fletcher	Newburgh City,	Merchant
Jacob Engelskire	Highlands,	Hotel Keeper
E T Hopkins	Middletown,	Merchant
James M. Bull	Goshen,	Farmer
Wm Canfield,	Wawayanda	"
Luther Buchanan	Deerpark,	Milkman
William Wilkins	Deerpark,	Carpenter
Fred Lilles	Middletown,	Engineer
John C Wilber, Sr	Wallkill,	Farmer
James J O'Hara,	Chester,	R R Employe
F M Singson	Deerpark,	Merchant
Joseph Chase,	Cornwall,	Mason
H R Horton,	Middletown,	Clerk
Patrick Coffee	Highlands	Foreman
John L Woodrough,	Monroe,	Farmer
G T Townsend,	Middletown	Cashier
Charles B Brooks	Blooming Grove,	Carpenter
George G Smith Jr	Cornwall,	Merchant
David T Sayre	Warwick	Farmer
E F Zierer	Deerpark,	Merchant
D I Greenleaf	Deerpark,	"
Patrick J Donohue	Highlands,	"
L M Hildslander	Crawford,	Farmer
Wm Sherlock,	Greenville,	"
Benj Decker	Mt Hope,	"
W E Mosier	Blooming Grove,	Carpenter
T C Harris	Middletown	Clerk

SELAH J STRONG, Sheriff
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W G TAGGART, County Clerk

Goshen and Beckertown Railroad Stock at Auction.

At the auction sale of securities by A H Muller & Son in New York, yesterday, 251 shares of the stock of the Goshen and Beckertown Railway Company were bid off at 8 cents a share.

Got the Chill from a Drink

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Easy to Take
Easy to Operate

Hood's Pills

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North street, Middletown, N. Y. Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

NEW YORK, March 24, '98.

	Yesterday Close	To-day Close
Sugar	114⅝	112⅝
Tobacco	93⅛	93¼
Chicago Gas	88¾	88
Nat. Lead	28	29
General Electric	31½	31⅝
U. S. L., pref	53¾	55½
Tenn Coal and Iron	18¾	18
A. T. & S. F	10¾	11
C. B. & Q	86¼	87½
C. M. & St. P	87¾	88⅜
R. I	81⅜	81½
D. L. & W	—	—
C of N. J	88¼	89⅞
Erie	12⅜	12½
D and H	107	107
O & W	14½	—
Susquehanna & Western	—	—
Susquehanna & West., pref	—	—
P. & R	16	—
N. W	113½	114¼
L. S.		
N. Y. C	107½	108¼
M. P.	24	23⅝
Texas	—	—
U. P.	17⅛	17
W. Union	84⅜	82½
L. & N	46⅞	46¾
Manhattan	96½	95¼
P. M	23⅛	23⅜
Wabash, pref	14⅝	14⅝
No. Pacific, pref	59⅜	59
Metropolitan Traction	133½	132½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	36¾	36½
Southern, pref.	24⅞	24⅞
May Wheat	104½	104
May Corn	28⅞	29⅝
May Oats	25⅛	25⅜
May Pork	$9 77	$9 62
May Lard	5 05	5 00

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GARDEN Seeds, warranted, 3 papers for 5, at DAYTON'S. 30d3t

TWO Houses and a store for rent. Enquire of HOUSTON BROS 4ctf

THE Klondike isn't in it with the bargains in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monhagen avenue. 78d1yOc23,96

TO LET—Five rooms, lower part of house, 11 Wawayanda avenue 4d3t

FOR RENT—Five rooms on second floor, 13 Sprague avenue 4d3t Enquire No 9 Benton avenue.

SHAD—SHAD— 15 CENTS EACH AND UP AT GREENING'S MARKET. 4d9t

TO LET—First class cottage, five minutes' walk from Franklin Square, seven rooms, $10 a month Enquire at 22 North street corner King street City Tailor. 4dtf

TO LET—Four rooms on Benjamin street 4d3t Enquire at 86 South street.

SITUATION Wanted—Steady young married man desires situation, city or country. 4d2t Box 381, Goshen.

GIVEN AWAY—Fine slate rock already dug out at 136 Highland avenue Help yourself 1td

UMPQUA TRIBE—All members of Umpqua Tribe N 33, I O R M, are requested to attend the regular meeting, Friday evening, March 25th Important business
N O WOLLENHAUPT, Sachem.
GEO LEFEVER C of R. 4d2t

HAND Push two-wheel cart, harrow, 2 set tie ropes, wagon and whiffletrees, oat and feed box for sale MARY S BERRY Admx 3d3t 122 Wickham avenue

GOOD Laundry Soap, 5 packages 10c at DAYTON'S 3d3t

BLANCHARD Bicycle good running order, pneumatic tires, will be sold cheap, fine black marbleized eight day clock, strikes hours and half hours. Price only $4 EXCHANGE AND MALT CO., No. 46 East Main street

WHEN Looking after a summer stove, enquire in the merits of the Insurance Gasoline Stove with the Campbell automatic shut off and evening sher
d- to6&6to12 JAMES URAL, Telephone 111

FOR SALE—Two fine blooded colts three and four years old broke to harness, sound and kind Call on or address
99 HmAp S T B HATSEY, Westtown N Y

FOR Rent from April 1st—The Store No 41 Main street Sommer Building also 11 flat directly over the store consisting of six rooms bath and closet
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HOUSE WANTED [illegible]

HOME TEA SET, [illegible]

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ATTORNEY AT LAW AND NOTARY PUBLIC
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ATTENDS TO ALL KINDS OF LAW BUSINESS INCLUDING
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SPRING OVERCOATS!

Just take a look at these goods, and tell us when or where you ever saw such garments at such very low prices,

$5.00, Worth $8.50.

The time to purchase a coat is now, while you have a full line to select from and while you can get a season's wear.

Price the Lowest and Garments the Best.

SUITS MADE TO ORDER FROM $10 UP.
PANTS $2.50 UP.

S. LIPFELD,

Clothier and Furnisher, 25 North St.

Best Upland Potatoes

90c. A BUSHEL.

Fresh Eggs 12c a Dozen.

C. N. PREDMORE & SON.

$5.70 a Barrel

WASHBURN'S GOLD MEDAL FLOUR.

SLOAT'S CASH STORE

FOR RENT FROM APRIL 1st, 1898.

The whole or part of a house of 9 rooms and bath room in excellent condition, being premises now occupied by Mrs Startzp, 95 Academy Ave There is a barn, good garden and a variety of fruit tree on the place. Rent reasonable
Property for Sale on easy terms. Enquire of A V POWELSON, 60 1d6t No 16 East Main street

Beginning Saturday Morning

We shall start a series of special sales, which we shall announce from time to time.

For Saturday, We Offer 100 Dozen Men's Shirts at 21c Each.

These are shirts retailed regularly at 50c each. We bought them way down and sell them the same way.

100 DOZEN STRING TIES!

The newest and latest colors in all the new silks, sold everywhere at 25 cents each.

SPECIAL 8 CENTS EACH.

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LATEST SPRING STYLES

—IN—

Ladies' and Men's Shoes!

NOW ON EXHIBITION.

COME AND SEE THEM AT THE ONE PRICE SHOE STORE

—OF—

J. G. Harding, 25 West Main St., Middletown.

AUCTION!

P. F. Kaufman will sell on

Friday, March 25, at 1:30 p. m.,

AT

NO. 7 NORTH STREET,

THE

Entire Furniture in Flat of 5 Rooms.

Nearly all new, consisting of suits enameled bedsteads, 100 yards carpets, fine lounge, rockers, extension table, rugs, chairs, mattresses, springs, etc.
2d3t P. F. KAUFMAN, AUCTIONEER.

NINE ROOM House to rent, with modern improvements, in first-class order, 16 Broad street, also four rooms to rent, second floor, city water, 14 Broad street
FRANK CRAWFORD, 15 West Main street or 49 South street. 60 1d6t

POSTPONED AUCTION

WM. VANSCHAICK, AUCTIONEER

The subscriber will sell at auction, corner East Main St. and Horton Ave.

Friday, March 25, Rain or Shine,

10 a.m., 1 horse, weight 1,300 pounds, 2 farm wagons 2 hay shelvings, 1 platform spring wagon, top buggy nearly new, 1 single harness, nearly new, lot other harness, Whiteley mowing machine, horse rake, horse hay fork, stalk cutter, power or hand; hay cutter, Harris corn sheller, steel road scraper milk cans, cross cut saws, plows harrows cultivators, sleighs, 8 tons hay, and lot farm and garden implements, lot of

Household Furniture,

new oak mantel, with beveled mirrors, 17x36, etc. Terms made known on day of sale.
'16d9t JOHN W. GARDNER.

TO LET House on Royce avenue, 10 rooms and barn, suitable for two families, city water Enquire of
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WHY WE ARE ALWAYS BUSY.

Not because of flowery and exaggerated statements, but because of real values, truthfully announced. As every one knows this is the dull season for dry goods selling. Our modern ways are not satisfied with waiting for trade, but create it. For the next few weeks our object is not to make money but sales. We have received many special values, in desirable goods, that we have marked extra low to stimulate early buying. Our counters and shelves are loaded for this great special sale with hundreds of articles that we haven't space to mention. The few items below will answer for the whole storeful. Be sure and get your share.

Black Dress Goods.

40-inch all wool Black Serge, sold by all for 39c.; for this sale 29c. 38-inch Black Brilliantine, the regular price 40c; for this sale 33c. 38-inch all wool Figured Black Goods, regular price 50c.; for this sale 40c. 42-inch Black Brilliantine, worth wholesale to day 52½c a yard; for this sale only 50c. 46-inch all wool Cravenett Serge, sold by all for 69c; for this sale 59c. 46 inch silk finish Brilliantine, sold all over the world for $1; for this sale 75c. 50-inch all wool silk finish Black Serge, real value $1 25, for this sale 89 cents

Colored Dress Goods.

800 yards New Spring Dress Goods. Among the lots are 38-inch all wool mixtures in new spring shades, 38-inch Wool and Mohair Mixtures, 38-inch cotton, wool and silk mixtures, the wool all thrown on the outside Not one yard in this lot worth less than 39c For this great sale all to go at 25 cents.

A Silk Bargain.

600 yards Black Figured Silk, 20 and 24 inches wide, made to sell at $1. The manufacturer's loss is your gain. For this sale only 69c Figured China Silk—Goods we carried from last season—Mostly navy blue grounds. Our price was 25 and 50c a yard Fine for summer shirt waists. As long as they last 15 and 39c a yard. Not much more than cotton goods

Dress Linings

Best Kid Cambric 3c a yard 15c fast black Percaline 10c a yard Best French Real Hair Cloth, all shades, 25c a yard Silesia, all shades and fast black, 10c a yard.

Wash Goods

Sea Island Percale, the best goods made. Sold everywhere for 12½c, here at 10c. Zephyr Ginghams, all new goods advertised in other stores worth 12½c Here at 8c Fine French Cambrics 36 inches wide, yarn dyed, mostly navy blue and black figured or stripes 12½c a yard. We sell only such goods that we can warrant, no trash.

2,442 Yards Embroidery.

Four lots of new Embroideries in 1½ or 3 yard lengths—all fine goods—sells one third to one half less than the regular prices—at 10 12½ 15, 19 a yard.

$1 Silk Velvet 59 Cents.

We have six new shades in this lot—brown, grey, mode, brown cerise turquoise Use for hat or dress trimmings. For this sale only 59 a yard

Domestics.

Best 12½c Bates Pants Lawn at 8 all linen Pillow Cases 7 5 4 5 sheet 10c P P Cases 12 6 4 Best Pillow Cases 14c Best Bleached sheets at 8 10, 11, 18c Wide Bleached Sheetings at 7 8c Unbleached to match 6c Good Unbleached Muslin 4½ yard wide 4 Bleached Muslin 6c

Muslin Underwear.

Many new styles in Ladies' Underwear from our special sales Notice what we have to say about Ladies' Corset Covers Ladies' Night Robes Ladies' Muslin Drawers 15, 25 39 Ladies' Gowns 49 59 79 89 98 $1 19 Ladies' Chemises 39 49 Ladies' Skirts 49 75 89 98 $1 29 $1 98

To Every Man Who Wears a Shirt.

300 Unlaundered 75c White Shirts, made from Wamsutta muslin, 4-ply bosoms, set in strong stays, bodies very full, 36 inches long, reinforced front and back, split neckband to keep collar button from touching neck, side seams, felled and double stitched, with patent gussets, perfect fitting, all open in the back. As long as they last 50c.

200 Pairs Lace Curtains.

Lot 1—50 pairs Nottingham Curtains, 3 yards long, 49c a pair. Lot 2—50 pairs Nottingham Curtains, 3½ yards long, 98c and $1.48. Lot 3—100 pairs Brussells Net Curtains, 3½ yards long, extra wide, all dainty new patterns, at $1 98, $2 48, $2.98. Match them for double the price if you can.

50 Pairs Chenille Curtains.

All full 3½ yards long, mostly pretty greens and reds, new style fringes, handsome dados. As long as they last $2 48, $2 98, $3 48.

Curtain Poles and Rods.

300 Ash, Cherry and Walnut Curtain Poles, with brass trimmings, complete, 5 feet long, 19c 200 White Five-Foot Poles, with white fixtures to match. For this sale only 25c Best White Enamel Five-Foot Poles, with fixtures, complete, 40c. 1 gross 15c Brass Curtain Rods, extend from 24 to 44 inches. For this sale only 10c each complete.

8 4 Dining Room Table Covers.

25 Derby 8-4 Table Covers all new colorings. For this sale only $1.29 25 extra heavy Chenille Table Covers Never sold for less than $3. For this sale $1.98.

Ladies' Hose.

60 dozen Ladies' Seamless Fast Black Drop Stitch Hose 15c a pair 2 pairs for 25c 30 dozen Ladies' Fast Black Seamless Hose either all white, polka dot or striped fronts 15c a pair 2 pairs for 25c 60 dozen Ladies' Fast Black Full Regular Made 25c Hose, double soles, high spliced heels, 19c a pair 3 pairs for 50c

1,200 Boxes Writing Paper.

100 boxes fine tinted Society Paper 24 sheets paper and 24 envelopes to match 9 10c a box 800 boxes 3 8c All Linen Paper 60 sheets paper 60 envelopes to match comes in plain or ruled sizes or rough finish, 19c a box

7 Gross Fine Soap.

5 gross Violet Oil Soap Toilet Bar, cakes to a box 10c a box 2 gross genuine Vorces Soap always sell at 15c a cake. For this sale 10c a cake, or 3 for 25c.

Men's Night Shirts.

111 Men's Night Shirts, made from the very best muslin, cut extra full Sold every day for 69c For this sale 49c.

Towels.

2 dozen All Linen Towels extra large size for bath and bedroom use 15c 2 for 25c Extra large Bath Towels 25c 39c 49c 10 dozen Extra Heavy Bath Towels 15c and 2 for 25c

Dotted Curtain Swiss.

Dotted Curtain Swiss, sells in 9 new ruled dot 36 and 40 inches wide The 15c value we show at 10 12½, 15 and

We show well lines and sell them now, not only at lower prices than others ask, but at lower prices than others sell the good

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